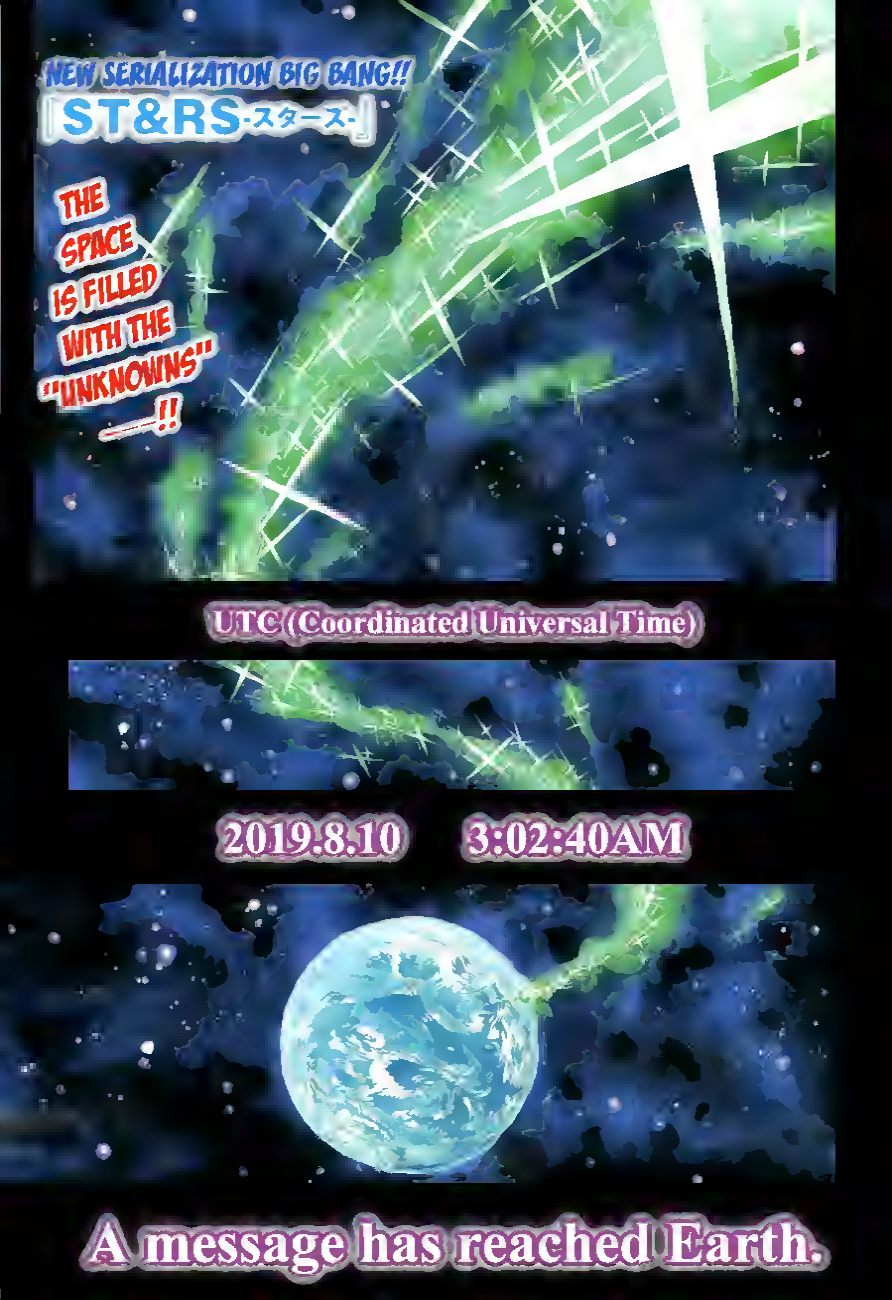
NEW SERIALIZATION BIG BANG!!
ST&RS-スターズ-
THE SPACE IS FILLED WITH THE "UNKNOWNS" ——!!
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A message has reached Earth.

VENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN FRONTIER
ROAR THE DESIRE FOR THE DISTANT
THE MYSTERIOUS UNMAED
NEW SERIALIZATION! CHAPTER 1!
STEP 1: MESSAGE
NEW SERIALIZATION!!!
54P WITH LEAD COLOR PAGE!!
THE JUVENILES WITH THE DREAM OF BECOMING ASTRONAUTS---
THE INFINITE MYSTERY, THROUGH MONTHS AND YEARS TO REACH THE END OF THE GALAXY---
STARS
STORY: TAKEUCHI RYOSUKE
ART: MIYOKAWA MASARU

ONE MONTH LATER---
1 SEPTEMBER 2019, BEFORE THE NEW YORK UNITED NATIONS BUILDING
EVERYONE, PLEASE LISTEN TO THIS BROADCAST!
PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD!!
HOW WILL THIS VERY DAY BE RELAYED IN THE FUTURE!?

I DARE SAY THAT HUMANS WILL REGARD THIS DAY AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT AS THE MAGNIFICENT DAY OF EARTH'S FORMATION!
THIS ALLOWS US TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS UNIVERSE!!

ACCORDING TO THE DECISION BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION (IAA), IN THE SITUATION WHERE A SIGNAL FROM THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL IS DISCOVERED,
WE HAVE CONFIRMED MANY TIMES OVER FOR THE PAST ONE MONTH.
ALL ORGANIZATIONS' RESEARCH INSTITUTES HAVE TRIED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT CAME FROM THE DISTANT...
BEFORE IT'S REVEALED TO THE PUBLIC, IT HAS TO UNDERGO THE VERIFICATIONS OF THE OBSERVER RESEARCH INSTITUTES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD---

AS THE DISCOVERER HOLDS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE VERY FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.
I WILL NOW INTRODUCE THE PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.
THE RESULT HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE BEYOND ANY DOUBT.
ONCE THE DISCOVERY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, A PROMPT REPORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO THE PUBLIC.
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It's a girl...
A CHILD!
THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE ASTRONOMER, DRAKE COLLINS---
OI!! DO A CHECK ABOUT THAT CHILD!!
YE... YES!!
FIFI COLLINS.

TO EVERY EVERYONE IN THE WORLD, NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M FIFI COLLINS FROM AMERICA.
IT'S OKAY PLEASE CONTINUE
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HMM ...
MY GRANDPA AND I FOUND THIS WHILE DOING SOME OBSERVATIONS TOGETHER, HOWEVER ..
GRANDPA CAN'T COME HERE BECAUSE OF SOME WALKING DIFFICULTIES.
THEREFORE, I'M HERE TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY MYSELF.
SHE IS REGARDED AS A CHILD PRODIGY IN THE ASTRONOMICAL WORLD!!
AT THE AGE OF TEN, THAT CHILD SKIPPED VARIOUS GRADES AND COMPLETED THE UNIVERSITY . SHE HAD ALSO FOUND VARIOUS SUPERNOVAS ..!
SO HER GRANDFATHER'S AN ASTRONOMER
GOOD, GOOD, GET AS MUCH FOOTAGE AS YOU CAN!!

UTC (UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME) AUGUST 10, 2019, 6:35AM —
EHH... THE TIME OF ARRIVAL FOR THE MESSAGE WAS ..
WHEN LOOKING FROM THE EARTH,
THE MESSAGE WAS SENT FROM A PLACE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "WINTER MILKY WAY", WHICH IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY
AND ALSO THE PLACE WHERE THE GEMINI AND AURIGA ARE.
THE DECODED MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

"7TH OF AUGUST 2035"
"LET'S MEET ON MARS."

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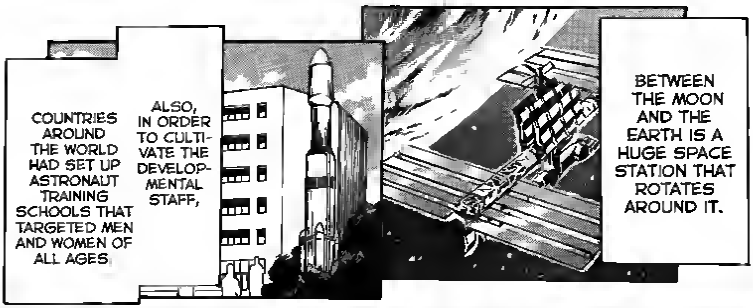
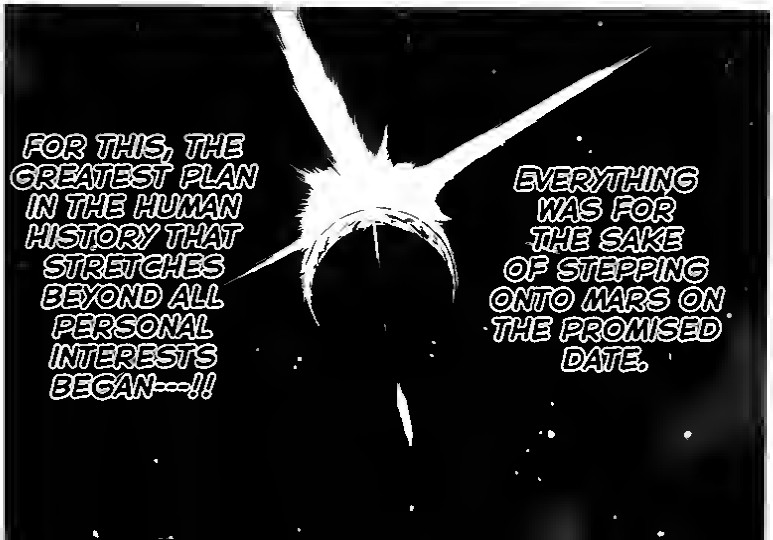
IN YEAR 2022, 50 YEARS AFTER THE APOLLO PROGRAM, HUMAN BEINGS SET FOOT ONTO THE MOON ONCE MORE.
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A ROCKET THAT CAN VENTURE TO MARS, AN ASTRONOMICAL BUDGET AND HUMAN RESOURCE WAS INCURRED.


COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD HAD SET UP ASTRONAUT TRAINING SCHOOLS THAT TARGETED MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES.
ALSO, IN ORDER TO CULTIVATE THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAFF,
BETWEEN THE MOON AND THE EARTH IS A HUGE SPACE STATION THAT ROTATES AROUND IT.


FOR THIS, THE GREATEST PLAN IN THE HUMAN HISTORY THAT STRETCHES BEYOND ALL PERSONAL INTERESTS BEGAN---!!
EVERYTHING WAS FOR THE SAKE OF STEPPING ONTO MARS ON THE PROMISED DATE.

THE SAME DAY AS THE ARRIVAL OF THE MESSAGE.
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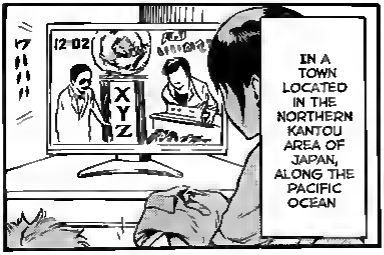
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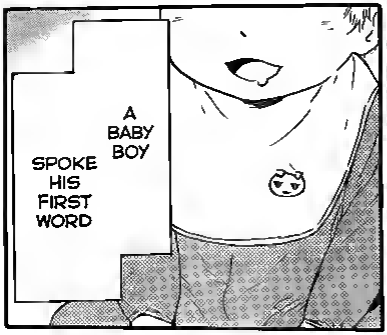
A BABY BOY SPOKE HIS FIRST WORD

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MARS...
SHIRAFUNE MAHO
(1 YEAR 3 MONTHS)

DE... DE... DEEEA-AARR-RRR!! MAHO SPPOK-KKKEE-EEEE!!
WH... WHAT-TTTT-TT!?
DAD SHIRAFUNE KAJIO
MOM SHIRAFUNE UMIKA
EH...
WHAT!? WHAT DID HE SAY!?
IS IT PAPA? EH? DID HE CALL PAPA!? IT'S NOT MAMA, RIGHT!?
SAY THAT ANOTHER TIME? SAY THAT AN-OTHER TIME??
HOLD ON DEAR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
.....
...IT'S
MARS ...

WELL... NEVER MIND!!
MAHO WANTS TO BE AN ASTRONAUT...
AND GO TO MARS, ALRIGHT!!
MA... MARS
"MARS"?
WHY "MARS"? IS IT FROM THE TV?
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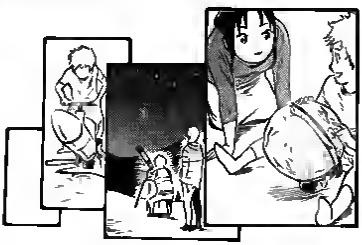
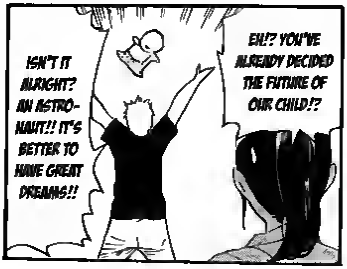
UH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE AT ALL.
IT'S SHOWING "IT'S COOL!" RIGHT NOW




EH!? YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILD!?
ISN'T IT ALRIGHT? AN ASTRONAUT!! IT'S BETTER TO HAVE GREAT DREAMS!!

14 YEARS LATER
DE-CEM-BER 2033
SAKIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
3-2
SHIRA-FUNE
..OI, SHIRA-FUNE
are you listening
Shira-fune ...!
Hey Shira-fune!
*Salvo Grildesent Clouds!
.....!!
EH....!? IT SHOULD BE FLYING RIGHT NOW..!!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH A FAINT GLIMPSE OF IT EVEN IF IT'S THE DAY .
Haa...
A STAR!?

AHH-HHH-HH!!
YOU'RE LOOKING OUTSIDE THE WINDOW DURING A CLASS AGAIN.
!!
SHIRAFUNE! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!!
EHH! YOU'RE NOISY!!
SENSEI IS MEAN.
THAT IDIOT
YOU'RE REALLY... THAT'S ENOUGH!
AMACHI!
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YES.
UH... SPACE STATION 3 WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY!
I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I HEARD THAT IT'S POSSIBLE TO SEE IT DURING THE DAY!!
SHIRAFUNE MAHO (15)

AMACHI WATARI (15)
IT'S DONE.
UH, EXCELLENT.
おおおーっ!
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT A STUDENT LIKE YOU TRANSFERRED INTO OUR SCHOOL BEFORE THE EXAMS.
IT CAN HELP TO PUSH EVERYONE'S MORALE UP.
EVERYONE NEEDS TO LEARN FROM AMACHI!
Especially Shirafune
LISTEN UP! THE EXAMS WILL BEGIN AFTER NEW YEAR!!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, AMACHI. THAT WAS MY QUESTION.
IT'S ALRIGHT
I REALLY WANT TO SEE IT...
THE NEXT TIME I CAN SEE IT WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER.
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WHAT'S WRONG, MEGURU? THAT'S A REALLY LONG SIGH
YOU KNOW .. I WAS ASKED BY YOUR MOM TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU...
.....
HAAAAAA!!
CHILDHOOD FRIEND HOSHIHARA MEGURU (15)
.....
AMACHI-KUN WHAT ABOUT THIS HOMEWORK PROBLEM HERE ..?
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO
SHUT UP! YOU SPACE IDIOT!!
DO YOU KNOW THAT IT'S LESS THAN THREE MONTHS TO THE EXAMS!? ARE YOU PLANNING TO BE JUST A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE!!?
In this year 2033 with ultra-low birthrate!!
!!
CAN I ASK YOU ABOUT SOME-THING?
EH? WHAT IS IT?
ABOUT THAT... SHIRA-FUNE...

YOU KNOW, THAT GUY IS AN ULTRA SPACE-FANATIC.
HE THINKS ABOUT NOTHING BUT SPACE...
DIDN'T HE ALSO BEHAVE IN THAT MANNER DURING CLASS EARLIER ON? HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
SHIRAFUNE?
AHH ..
YOU SEE, AMACHI-KUN JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, SO HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT GUY.
UH
A SPACE FANATIC...
WELL, IT DOESN'T AFFECT AMACHI-KUN AT ALL. NOT AT ALL!! THE EXAM WILL BE SOON ANYWAY
WHAT? ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT MAHO?
AND HE ALSO ANGERED THE SCHOOL BY FILLING IT WITH DRAWINGS OF THE PLANETARIUMS...
I WAS IN THE SAME JUNIOR SCHOOL AS HIM SO I KNOW THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY'S INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATION, HE RECITED THE NAMES OF THE STARS THAT HE MEMORIZED SO EARNESTLY THAT IT TOOK UP THE ENTIRE LESSON TIME.

ISN'T IT BECAUSE MEGURU WANTS TO GO TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS SHIRAFUNE--?
THAT'S... NOT IT! I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT HIM!!
TH.. THEN AMACHI-KUN, CAN YOU HELP ME TO TUTOR THAT GUY?
IT'LL BE TOO LATE IF WE LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS..!

HMM~

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SHIRAFUNE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T FILLED IN THE FORM FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL EXAM HE WANTS TO GO TO
YES.
EH, AMACHI HASN'T DONE IT EITHER. COME OVER HERE AND TAKE THE FORM FROM ME LATER ON
PUTTING AMACHI ASIDE... SHIRAFUNE, WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU INTEND TO GO?

AHH, TEACHER,
I'M PLANNING TO ENTER THE SPACE ACADEMY.
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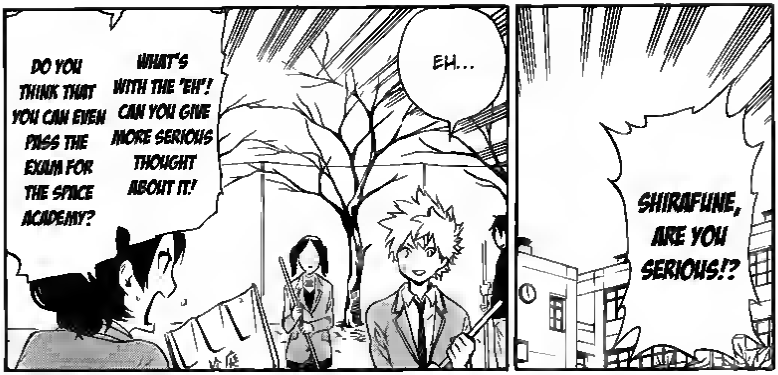
I think there's an exam for it during the winter holiday. I want to go for it!
I really want to go to Mars!!
It's the Space Academy!
The extra-terrestrial beings will be coming in less than two years' time.
HAR...? JUST NOW YOU..
YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE MORE SERIOUSLY
UH... IF THAT'S THE CASE I WILL ASK YOU ABOUT THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR


SHIRAFUNE, ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
EH...
WHAT'S WITH THE "EH"! CAN YOU GIVE MORE SERIOUS THOUGHT ABOUT IT!
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN EVEN PASS THE EXAM FOR THE SPACE ACADEMY?

BUT--- USUBARU-SAN, THE FIRST JAPANESE WHO SET FOOT ON THE MOON ALSO GRADUATED FROM THE SPACE ACADEMY...
HOW CAN I NOT GO THERE AS WELL--!?
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THIS GUY HASN'T GIVEN A THOUGHT ABOUT IT AT ALL.
THAT'S TOTALLY LIKE SHIRAFUNE-KUN SINCE HE LOVES THE SPACE SO MUCH HE MIGHT REALLY...
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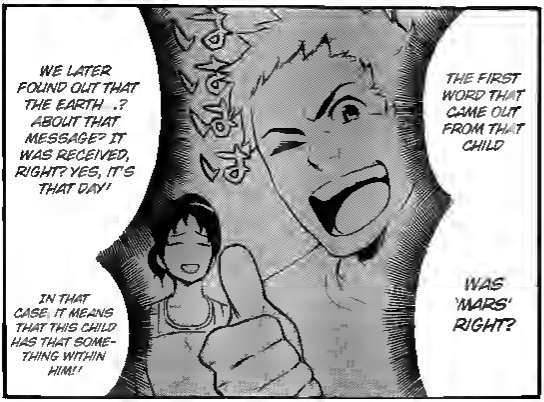
WE LATER FOUND OUT THAT THE EARTH .? ABOUT THAT MESSAGE? IT WAS RECEIVED, RIGHT? YES, IT'S THAT DAY!
IN THAT CASE, IT MEANS THAT THIS CHILD HAS THAT SOMETHING WITHIN HIM!!
THE FIRST WORD THAT CAME OUT FROM THAT CHILD
WAS 'MARS' RIGHT?

SHIRAFLINE'S ...?
...IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF HIS FATHER THAT THAT GUY BECAME LIKE THAT...

HM...?
WHICH SCHOOL WILL AMACHI-KUN BE GOING TO?
IT MUST BE THOSE ELITE SCHOOLS...
.....

I... I ALSO KNOW THAT MY DAD IS AN IDIOT!
BUT I'M SERIOUSLY THINKING OF GOING THERE!!
AS EXPECTED OF THE CHILD OF THAT THOUGHTLESS DAD
Looks of Sympathy

AS EXPECTED OF THE HONOR STUDENT.
HAA. AMACHI-KUN FINISHED CLEANING WHILE WE WERE REASONING WITH THIS GUY...

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HAHA
HAHA

IT'S NOT THE TIME YET, DEAR! THERE'S STILL AN EXAM DURING THE WINTER BREAK, RIGHT!?
AHH— IS THAT SO..?

HYAAAA ————!! THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME!!
MAHO GOING TO THE SPACE ACADEMY... I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME!!

WELL, YOU CAN NAIL IT!!! IF IT'S YOU!!
I WILL WORK HARD.
GO TO MARS!!

COME TO THINK OF IT... MAHO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING SESSION?
2033 12月
BUT THE X MARK ON THE CALENDAR SAYS THAT IT ENDED LAST WEEK
……
AHH HHH ——— ———!!
I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT!!!
EHHHH HHHHHHHHH ———!?
LAST… LAST WEEK A SUPERNOVA WAS DISCOVERED NEAR GEMINI…
IT WAS THE HOT TOPIC FOR THE WORLD… I'M REALLY EXCITED AS WELL. SO…
OH DEAR.. YOU FAILED EVEN BEFORE TAKING THE EXAM…
WA.. WAIT… I MUST FIND SOME OTHER WAYS…
AMACHI

SPACE ACADEMY BRIEFING SESSION
INVITATION CARD
AMACHI
STARS
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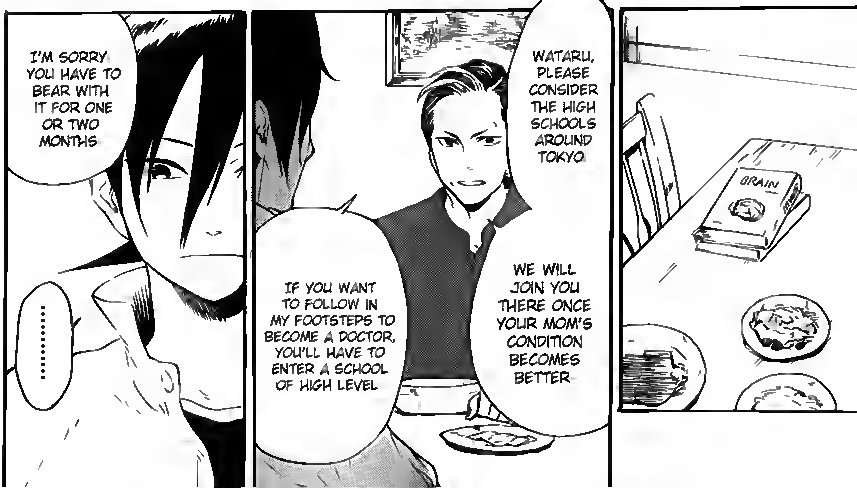
STARS


I'M SORRY YOU HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT FOR ONE OR TWO MONTHS
WATARU, PLEASE CONSIDER THE HIGH SCHOOLS AROUND TOKYO
WE WILL JOIN YOU THERE ONCE YOUR MOM'S CONDITION BECOMES BETTER
IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS TO BECOME A DOCTOR, YOU'LL HAVE TO ENTER A SCHOOL OF HIGH LEVEL
BRAIN

WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NOTHING... THIS PLACE IS...
FATHER'S HOMETOWN... IT'S DIFFERENT FROM TOKYO. WE CAN REALLY SEE MANY STARS HERE.
THE NEXT DAY
WAA...
WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED, MAHO ...?
.....
EH, WHAT!?
.....
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR THE SPACE ACADEMY?
BUT I HEARD FROM THE TEACHER THAT A SINGLE APPLICATION ALLOWS A TOTAL OF THREE PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING SESSION
SO

IF SOMEONE APPLIED FOR IT ——!!
HUH? WHY ARE YOU ASKING AMACHI-KUN? THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE APPLIED FOR IT ..
AHH SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THAT IDIOT
.....

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT I HAVE THE LETTER OF INVITATION FROM THE SPACE ACADEMY?
I JUST TRANSFERRED TO THIS SCHOOL LAST WEEK ..
AND WE BARELY TALKED TO EACH OTHER..

I know this even if you didn't say anything!
Amachi-kun, you really like the space, right!!!

DURING YESTERDAY'S CLASS, YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE SPACE STATION EVEN BEFORE I WAS DOING SO...
EVERY MORNING, YOU'LL BE LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE DURING THE UPDATE TIME FOR ST&RS'S DAILY NEWS.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR VENUS DURING THE AFTER-CLASS CLEANING TIME.
AND THE LIST GOES ON!
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HA~~ I REALLY SHOULD HAVE SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION LAST WEEK!!
DID YOU SEE IT, AMACHI-KUN?
GEMINI'S SUPERNOVA WAS REALLY AWESOME... I WAS BUSY COLLECTING ITS IMAGES AND LET THE APPLICATION SLIPPED MY MIND TOTALLY...
IT WAS ON THE NIGHT THAT I MOVED HERE.
.....!!
AMACHI-KUN? PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. THIS GUY HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...

GEMINI'S SUPERNOVA
STARS
!!
WOAHHH
I KNEW IT!!
EHH~ WHY IS IT THAT AMACHI-KUN..
AMACHI-KUN IS THE SAME AS THIS GUY!?
.....I APPLIED FOR THIS IN MY PREVIOUS SCHOOL.
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I'VE A LITTLE INTEREST IN IT.
THAT'S GREAT!!
AS EXPECTED OF AMACHI-KUN! HOW DEPENDABLE ~~!!!
WAIT~
DON'T HUG ME!! I DON'T HAVE SUCH AN INTEREST!!
I CAN GO TO MARS WITH THIS ~~!!
YOU'RE TOO HASTY!!
THE DAY FOR THE SCHOOL ADMISSION BRIEFING SESSION.
SORRY~

THE ROAD WAS CONGESTED—
SO, WHY IS MEGURU HERE?
WHAT! ISN'T THAT ALRIGHT? I'M YOUR GUARDIAN!!
……
I'M REALLY SORRY AMACHI-KUN TO THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO BRING THIS GUY ALONG— TO SUCH AN IMPORTANT BRIEFING SESSION OF THE SPACE ACADEMY.
IT'S NOTHING—I HAVEN'T REALLY DECIDED TO GO TO THAT SCHOOL
I SEE! AMACHI-KUN'S CONSIDERING MANY DIFFERENT FACTORS, RIGHT! AS FOR THAT MATTER—
……
AMAZING——!!

EVERYONE OVER HERE IS SPACE-LOVERS!?
!!

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GATE

AND NOW, THE YEAR 2033
STARS SPACE ACADEMY'S SCHOOL ADMISSION BRIEFING SESSION WILL BEGIN.
OH.
— WELL, THEY'RE ACCEPTING STUDENTS AGAIN AFTER THREE YEARS THIS TIME, THE AGE LIMIT WAS ALSO SET TO 15 AND ABOVE
EVERYBODY HERE WANTS TO ENTER THE SCHOOL...?
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I'M YOUR PRESENTER FOR TODAY.
I'M THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SPACE ACADEMY, FIFI COLLINS.
I THANK EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S BRIEFING SESSION
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EH... WHAT'S WITH THOSE CHEERS...
HMM...
MAHO DO YOU KNOW THAT PERSON?
THAT PERSON IS—
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THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED AND ANNOUNCED THE MESSAGE FROM THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS.
24 years old
EH? THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!! THAT GIRL!?
Ehh--!! That famous person is the principal!?
Ohh~~!
It seems amazing.

!!
A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PLANETARIUM... IT'S THE SOLAR SYSTEM...
WHAT'S THIS!? IT'S AWESOME!!
IN ACCORDANCE TO WHAT EVERYONE KNOWS, THE REASON FOR SETTING UP THIS SPACE ACADEMY IS
MARS!!
THE AIM IS TO NURTURE ASTRONAUTS THAT CAN SET THEIR FEET ON MARS ON THE PROMISED DATE.

!!
LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.
THERE ARE MANY SENIORS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM OUR ACADEMY AND ARE CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSIONS ON THE MOON.
A WARM GREETING TO ALL THE STUDENTS. I AM NAKAYAMA FUMIKO, AN ASTRONAUT WHO HAS GRADUATED FROM THE JAPAN SCHOOL OF THE SPACE ACADEMY.
HI EVERYONE! I'M AKIMURO YUUKO AND I'M ALSO FROM THE JAPAN SCHOOL.
Wow-- amazing! They are on the moon right now.
OHH!

THE THING THAT YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THE SCREEN RIGHT NOW IS ALSO PART OF THE ROCKET!!
WE EXPECT IT TO BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR!
WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (ISS II) THAT IS ROTATING AROUND THE MOON.
IT'S THE PLACE THAT HAS THE DOCK FOR BUILDING THE ROCKET THAT CAN GO TO MARS!!
WE'RE CURRENTLY PRODUCING THE FUEL THAT CAN BE USED BY THE ROCKET! THERE ARE MANY RAW MATERIALS ON THE MOON!
ALTHOUGH THE SELECTION TEST FOR THE SPACE ACADEMY IS STRICT, I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY WORTH THE EFFORT!
PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP! WORK HARD!
THAT WAS FROM THE MOON~~
WOW~~~
I'M A LITTLE MOVED BY IT...
LET'S THANK THEM BOTH.
JUST AS WHAT THE TWO OF THEM SAID EARLIER, THE ENTRY TEST IS INDEED STRICT.

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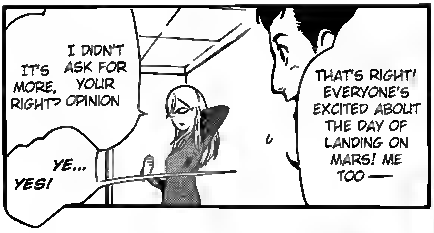
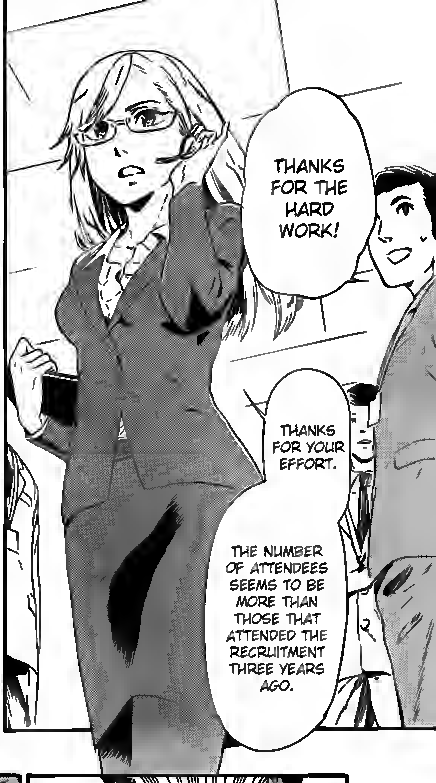
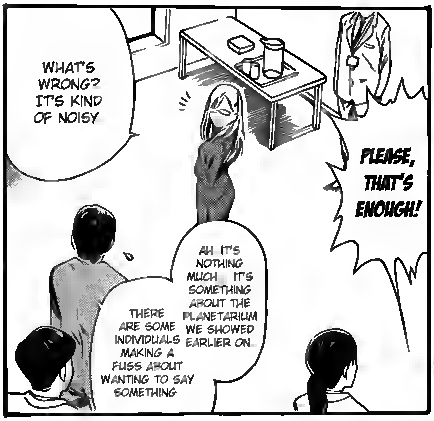
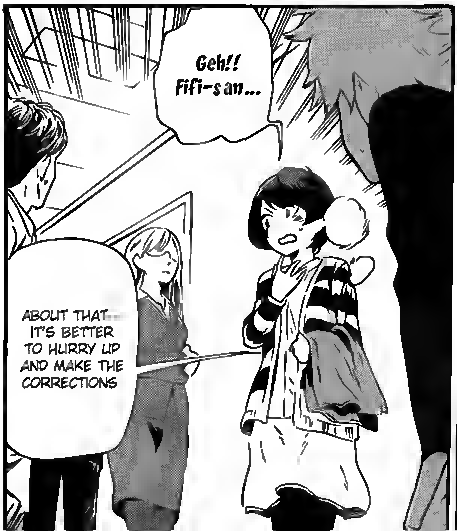
THE STUDENTS WHO MANAGE TO STAY WILL BE WELCOMED INTO THE SCHOOL IN THE COMING SPRING AS FRESH ASTRONAUTS
ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IS TYPICALLY "LESS THAN 1%"
THE ADMISSION EXAMINATION WILL START PROMPTLY NEXT WEEK AND IT WILL LAST FOR A TOTAL OF TWO WEEKS.
WE, THE STARS ARE SEARCHING FOR NEW ABILITIES!
THE MEETING WITH THE BRAND NEW WORLD WILL SOON BE HERE!!
EVERYONE, PLEASE COME TO THE SPACE ACADEMY!!

AMAZING... THE 1% WHO'LL STAY ARE AMAZING, RIGHT...
HEY, THE BOTH OF YOU!
EHH!?
Are you listening to me!?
RIGHT, RIGHT! THAT'S IT!!
AS EXPECTED OF AMACHI-KUN! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT TO SAY!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT!
HOWEVER, IS THAT REALLY POSSIBLE? THAT PLANETARIUM IS FROM THE OFFICIAL DATA AFTER ALL...
I DON'T KNOW! LET'S JUST TRY TO SAY IT. LET'S GO!
WAIT! WHERE ARE THE BOTH OF YOU GOING!!
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT IT'S WRONG! IT'S JUST LIKE YOU'VE SEEN!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, THIS


I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR OPINION
IT'S MORE, RIGHT?
YE... YES!
THAT'S RIGHT! EVERYONE'S EXCITED ABOUT THE DAY OF LANDING ON MARS! ME TOO ——


THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK!
THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORT.
THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES SEEMS TO BE MORE THAN THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE RECRUITMENT THREE YEARS AGO.


WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S KIND OF NOISY
PLEASE, THAT'S ENOUGH!
AH, IT'S NOTHING MUCH. IT'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLANETARIUM WE SHOWED EARLIER ON.
THERE ARE SOME INDIVIDUALS MAKING A FUSS ABOUT WANTING TO SAY SOMETHING


Geh!? Fifi-san...
ABOUT THAT... IT'S BETTER TO HURRY UP AND MAKE THE CORRECTIONS

I'M SURE! IT CAN'T BE WRONG!
THAT'S WHY I SAID-- IT'S STRANGE!

WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS?
YOU GUYS...

THAT PLANETARIUM IS SPOILED!
HUH?
WHICH PART OF THE PLANETARIUM?
EHH... IF THE SUN IS RIGHT HERE
VENUS WILL TYPICALLY BE ROTATING AROUND THE SUN LIKE THIS...
AH, OR IT IS THAT THE WAY OF ROTATION OF THE MERCURY THAT DIDN'T SPOIL IS...
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A... ABOUT THAT, LET ME EXPLAIN IT.
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FIRST OF ALL IN CONTRAST TO THE ECLIPTIC PLANE OF VENUS THE ANGLE OF INCLINATION OF THE TRAJECTORY IS A LITTLE TOO MUCH
WHICH IS ABOUT 3 DEGREES
TO BE IN THE SAME LEVEL AS MERCURY, THE ANGLE OF INCLINATION SHOULD BE BELOW HALF.
NEXT, ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE PLANETS FOR TODAY, ONLY JUPITER IS PLACED AT THE POSITION IT SHOULD BE AT 6 YEARS LATER... THE POSITION IS ABOUT HALF THE PERIOD OF REVOLUTION I'VE MENTIONED EARLIER
THE ECLIPTIC
THE CORRECT TRAJECTORY
PLANETARIUM'S TRAJECTORY
ALSO, TAKING PROPORTION INTO ACCOUNT, THE DISTANCE BETWEEN SATURN AND SUN WAS MADE TOO FAR APART.
NEXT...
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.....?
ざわ ざわ
OI, IS THAT TRUE?
IT'D BE REALLY EMBARRASSING IF EVERYTHING HE SAID WAS TRUE! HURRY UP AND...
WAIT.
... I'VE ALREADY VERIFIED THIS THEY CAN'T BE WRONG.
HE'S THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THEM
Amazing—! Amachi-kun! That's right, that's right! It's that kind of feeling!!
ごくり...

ぽかーん
EH...
YOU GUYS ARE THE ONLY ONES? UH... I THOUGHT THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NOTICED IT.
I AM THE ONE WHO CHANGED THE PLANETARIUM DATA.
EHH!?
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE MADE THE MISTAKES MORE OBVIOUS?
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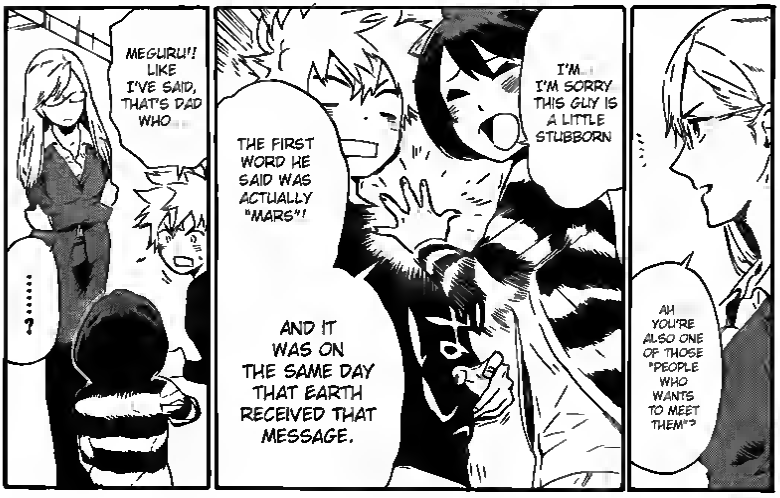
MAYBE THE POSITIONS WERE INCORRECT FROM THE VERY START?
YET THE STAFF DIDN'T REALIZE THAT... IT'S PROBLEMATIC, HUH...
WHAT... WHAT IS IT? THAT...
PR... PRINCIPAL, WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING...?
You're right!

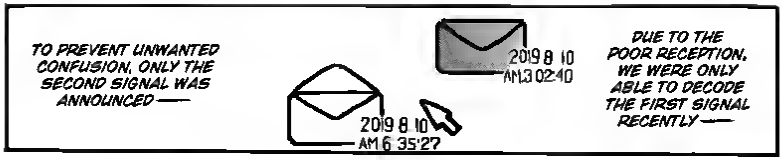
THAT'S BECAUSE THE ASTRONAUTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR
MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO NOTICE PROBLEMS AND TRY TO SOLVE IT FROM THERE.
YOU MUST KNOW THAT OUR OPPONENT IS "SPACE" ITSELF.

I SEE SOME POTENTIAL IN YOU GUYS.
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!
YE... YES!
WA
DEFINITELY!! I WILL GO TO MARS! DEFINITELY!!

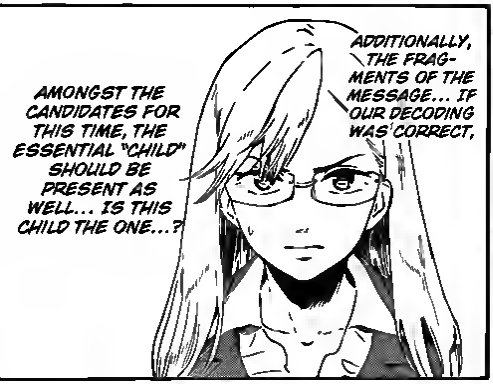

MEGURU!! LIKE I'VE SAID, THAT'S DAD WHO
.....?
THE FIRST WORD HE SAID WAS ACTUALLY "MARS"!
AND IT WAS ON THE SAME DAY THAT EARTH RECEIVED THAT MESSAGE.
I'M... I'M SORRY THIS GUY IS A LITTLE STUBBORN
AH YOU'RE ALSO ONE OF THOSE "PEOPLE WHO WANTS TO MEET THEM"?

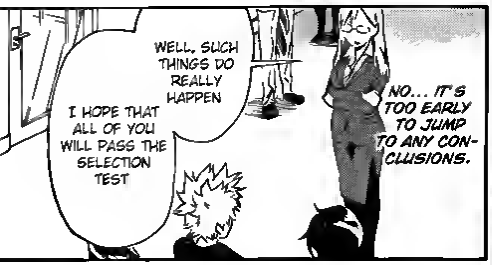
NAH... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. WHILE MOM WAS WATCHING THE TELEVISION PROGRAM, "IT'S COOL!"...
IT WAS AROUND 12 NOON. IN TERMS OF STANDARD TIME, THAT WOULD BE...
Let me see—
3 O'CLOCK
YEAH, IT'S AROUND 3AM!
It's 3 and a half hour off the message time
HOWEVER, 3 HOURS, 32 MINUTES AND 47 SECONDS EARLIER,
——THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE MESSAGE WAS 10 AUGUST 2019, 6:35:27AM.
IS IS THAT SO
BUT... BUT IT'S TRUE THAT I REALLY WANT TO GO TO MARS!

AT 3:02:40AM
THERE WAS "A FIRST SIGNAL" THAT ARRIVED
AND WAS NOT REVEALED TO THE PUBLIC.


TO PREVENT UNWANTED CONFUSION, ONLY THE SECOND SIGNAL WAS ANNOUNCED——
2019 8 10 AM3 02:40
2019 8 10 AM6 35:27
DUE TO THE POOR RECEPTION, WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO DECODE THE FIRST SIGNAL RECENTLY——

KNOW THE TIME OF THE FIRST SIGNAL?
HOWEVER, WHY DOES THIS CHILD


AMONGST THE CANDIDATES FOR THIS TIME, THE ESSENTIAL "CHILD" SHOULD BE PRESENT AS WELL... IS THIS CHILD THE ONE...?
ADDITIONALLY, THE FRAGMENTS OF THE MESSAGE... IF OUR DECODING WAS CORRECT,

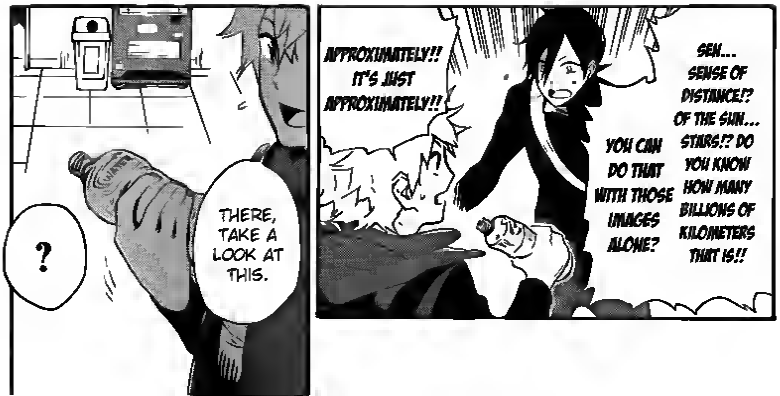

WELL, SUCH THINGS DO REALLY HAPPEN
I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL PASS THE SELECTION TEST
NO... IT'S TOO EARLY TO JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS.

HOWEVER, IF HE'S REALLY -THE ONE----
TH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS CHILD-----

EH?
YOU KNOW--
...SAY, WHEN DID YOU NOTICE THOSE ERRORS ABOUT THE PLANETARIUM?
彩雲駅
SEI UN
I'm all hyped up~~~
Haa~~ It's great~~ we met such a famous person~~

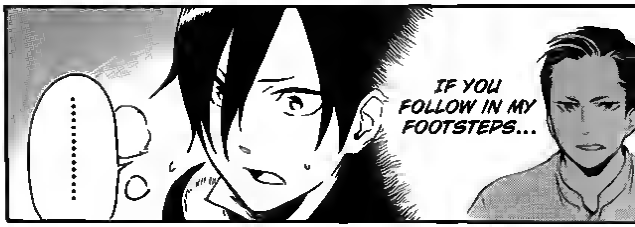
I CAN MORE OR LESS SEE THINGS LIKE THEIR POSITIONS, THE ROTATIONS AND THE DISTANCES BETWEEN THEM... THAT ALLOWED ME TO NOTICE THE CHANGES
THERE WILL BE IMAGES OF THE VAST UNIVERSE WITHIN MY HEAD
SINCE I WAS YOUNG, WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES AND THINK ABOUT THE SUN AND EARTH,


?
THERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
APPROXIMATELY!! IT'S JUST APPROXIMATELY!!
YOU CAN DO THAT WITH THOSE IMAGES ALONE?
SEN... SENSE OF DISTANCE!? OF THE SUN... STARS!? DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY BILLIONS OF KILOMETERS THAT IS!!

THERE
!!
The sense of distance?
RIGHT?
AHH...
SPEAKING OF WHICH MAHO DOES HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL ASIDE FROM BEING A SPACE IDIOT
AHH~~ AHH ..
I WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO GO TO THAT SCHOOL IF I KNEW AS MUCH ABOUT SPACE AS THE BOTH OF YOU~~
BUT FIFI-SAN TOLD ME TO WORK HARD IN PERSON~.
HAA~~
THE SPACE HUH..
WELL, I SHOULD TRY THE TEST TOO ..!!
THE EXAM IS ONLY DURING THE WINTER BREAK I CAN JUST GO FOR THOSE NORMAL HIGH SCHOOLS IF I DON'T MAKE IT!!
I will do that!!
!

HAA - IF AMACHI-KUN IS AROUND, HE CAN PROBABLY HELP ME WITH HANDLING MAHO...
EHH!?
AHH...
I'M.

I WILL SEND ALL OF YOU A LETTER ON A LATER DATE. DON'T BE LATE, ALL RIGHT?!
WELL THEN, SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AMACHI-KUN!!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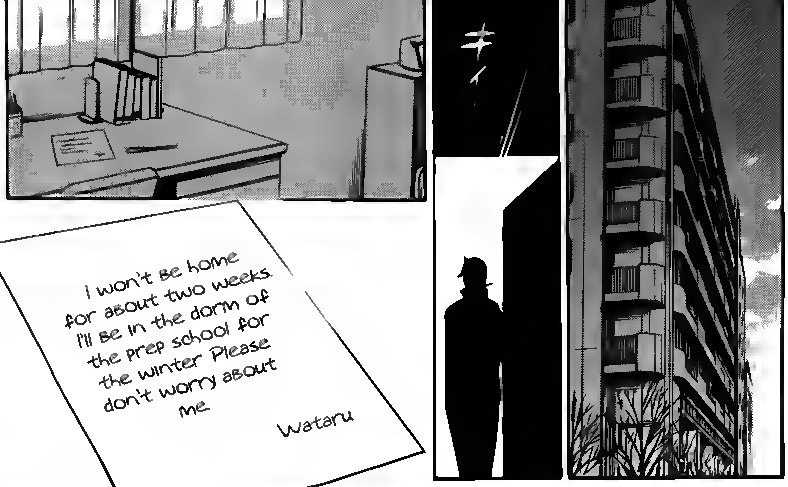
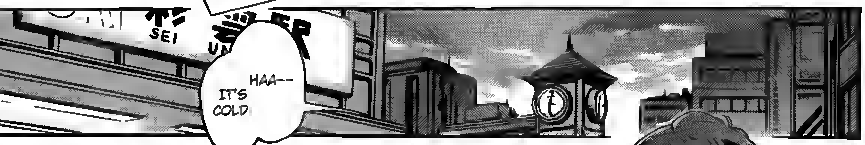
IF YOU FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS...

.....
MAHO? WHAT'S WRONG? THE BUS IS HERE!
UH... IT'S NOTHING...!!


I won't be home for about two weeks. I'll be in the dorm of the prep school for the winter. Please don't worry about me.
Wataru


HAA--- IT'S COLD

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'LL FAIL...
YOU KNOW, I'M NOT LIKE YOU OR AMACHI-KUN!

ALTHOUGH I CAME HERE IN A HIGH SPIRIT, I'M STILL FEELING A LITTLE UNEASY...
UNEASY? WHY?

DON'T WORRY
THERE WILL BE SOMETHING THAT MEGURU CAN DO
EH...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO VENTURE INTO SPACE ALONE!
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT DUTIES AND IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE TO GO THERE WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO PERFORM THEM HELP EACH OTHER OUT!
THE ONLY THING THAT WE MUST HAVE IS THE URGE TO GO TO SPACE!
MEGURU HAS THAT URGE TO GO TO SPACE AFTER THE ENCOUNTER WITH FIFI-SAN RIGHT?
Now, you're even following us
.....!
I SEE I GUESS SO! I WILL WORK HARD TOO!
THERE ARE SHIP CAPTAINS, HELMSMEN, PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE ROCKET AND PEOPLE WHO LAUNCH IT.
ABOUT THAT PLANETARIUM, IT WAS ALSO BECAUSE OF AMACHI-KUN THAT THE MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED

THAT'S RIGHT... AMACHI-KUN!!
LET'S DO OUR BEST TOGETHER!!
AHH...
AHH, THAT'S RIGHT!

THERE'S ANOTHER 560 DAYS TO THE PROMISED DATE ——
LET'S SET MARS AS OUR GOAL!!
FOR THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS TO LAND ON MARS!!
AHH.. GOOD MORNING, AMACHI-KUN!
WHAT IS IT? YOU SEEM ALL PUMPED UP.
AHH...
UH, UH! ALRIGHT...

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STEP 1 THE END

NEXT ISSUE, THE START OF THE SPACE ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM!! CENTER COLOR WITH AN EXTENDED 25-PAGE CHAPTER!

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RECRUITING NEW POSITIONS
TRANSLATORS
CLEANERS
TYPESETTERS
PROOFERS
QUALITY CHECKERS
RAW-PROVIDERS
ANYONE IS WELCOME
WE HAVE COOKIES!
WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK
JOIN OUR FORUMS!
MAKING THIS PAGE TOOK SO LONG!!!
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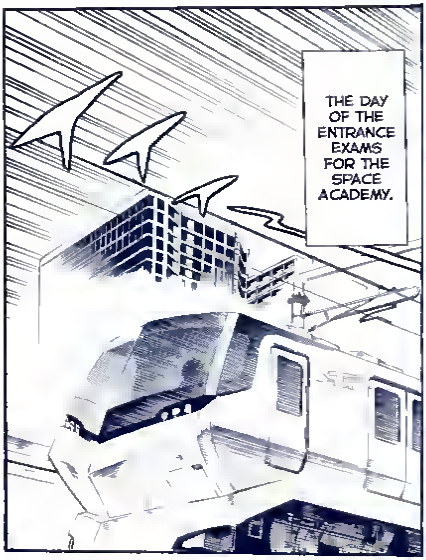

7TH JULY 2035. LET'S MEET ON MARS.

THE LIMITLESS UNIVERSE!

560 DAYS UNTIL THE PROMISED DAY—!

THE WORLD WORKS CLOSER TOWARD MARS AFTER THE MESSAGE THAT REACHED EARTH.

SHIN TSUGUMA RESEARCH TOWN
2.6km
WE FINALLY MADE I-
WA!?
S... SO MANY PEOPLE.
DID THEY ALL COME FOR THE SPACE ACADEMY EXAM?
OF COURSE NOT!
IN THIS REGION, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF SPACE RELATED BUSINESSES AND RESEARCH LABS!
Shin Tsugumo Town Guide
Ah...!
EH- I SEE...
IN ANY CASE, THERE IS TOO MUCH OF A CROWD
THE TWO OF YOU, OVER THERE...

1998
2012
There are space suits!
1969
THEY'RE OLD!! 1969... THIS IS FROM OVER SO YEARS AGO!
IT'S SURPRISING HOW SOMETHING SO FUNNY-LOOKING WENT INTO SPACE...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS THIS COOL...
WOW!~
WHENEVER I SEE THEM, I GET SO HYPED UP!~
HAH... THEY'RE BEING DISPLAYED AT THE STATION...

1969
Apollo 11
2034
MARcS2
Multifunctional armor for esiding in MARS ollaborated with T&RS.
MARcS2
IS THIS... THE NEWEST ONE!?
WOW! WITH THIS, YOU CAN SEE YOUR BODY LINES...
IN THE COMPETITION FOR THE MARS SPACESUIT, THIS MARCS 2 WAS CHOSEN.
WHA...!
SHIRA-FUNE!
COME AND LOOK AT THIS ONE

THE SPACE TOWN, SHIN T
THE PLACES ARE DIFFERENT ACCORDING TO THE EXAMINATION NUMBER...
OUR'S IS IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN'S SPACE CENTRE.
AH ! AMACHI-KUN. THE MEETING PLACE! WHERE'S THE MEETING PLACE?
IT'S TOO SOON TO BE THINKING OF THAT!
UM..
Haaaa!~
I want the three of us to wear this and go to Mars!
OH, IT'S THERE. I WONDER WHAT KIND OF EXAM WE'LL DO.
SINCE THERE ARE A LOT OF STUDENTS TAKING THE EXAMS, THEY ARE DIVIDING UP THE LOCATION FOR THE FIRST STAGE EXAMINATION.
ARE WE GOING TO DO AN EXAMINATION THERE?
Even though we are actually kids
THE CHILDREN'S SPACE CENTRE ...?
CHILDREN'S SPACE CENTRE
YOSH, LET'S GO!
WAIT UP!

Book title: Space course
Yeah!
Wow, there are so many people here!
GOOD MORNING EVERYONE.
YOU DON'T REALLY LOOK LIKE IT
Aren't there any normal people!?
Me too, me too!
THERE SEEMS TO BE LOTS OF SMART PEOPLE HERE. . I'M STARTING TO FEEL NERVOUS NOW
THE TIME HAS ARRIVED. THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SPACE ACADEMY EXAMINATION FOR YEAR 2033—
WILL BEGIN RIGHT NOW.

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ALL THE STAFF HAS BEEN CALLED UPON FOR THIS TASK HUH...
WITH THAT, LET US ALL MOVE INSIDE.
Wow, lucky! Let's try our best!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL!
FIFI COLLINS.
THIS GROUP WILL BE MANAGED BY ME.
EH REALLY?
HEY... ISN'T THAT...

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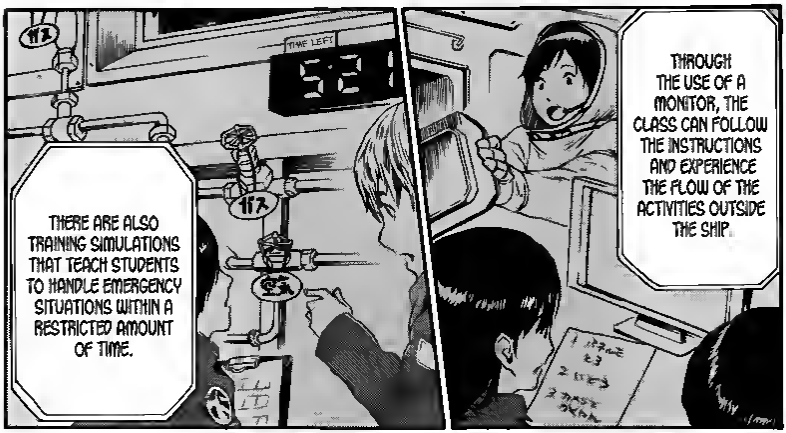
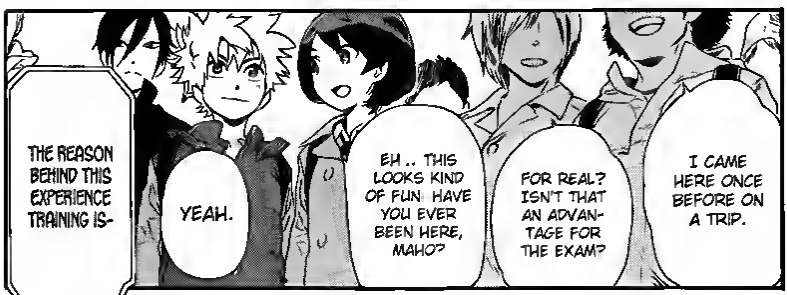
クスクス
OH, IT'S GREY-KUN.
WHA- WHAT'S WRONG, MEGURU!?
WHA.. WHAT IS THIS... A MASCOT!?
IT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!
Do you like space!?
WAH!

12月
遊んでくれたおともだち
IS AN INSTITUTION WHICH OFFERS SIMPLIFIED ASTRONAUT TRAINING AND FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN TO ACQUIRE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.
AHEM... THIS CHILDREN'S SPACE CENTRE
QUIET OVER THERE!
Y-YES! WE'RE SO SORRY!

Sign. The friends I played with


TIME LEFT
THERE ARE ALSO TRAINING SIMULATIONS THAT TEACH STUDENTS TO HANDLE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WITHIN A RESTRICTED AMOUNT OF TIME.
THROUGH THE USE OF A MONITOR, THE CLASS CAN FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPERIENCE THE FLOW OF THE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE SHIP.


THE REASON BEHIND THIS EXPERIENCE TRAINING IS-
YEAH.
EH .. THIS LOOKS KIND OF FUN. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HERE, MAHO?
FOR REAL? ISN'T THAT AN ADVANTAGE FOR THE EXAM?
I CAME HERE ONCE BEFORE ON A TRIP.

FOR SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO AN ASTRONAUT.
IT'S TO ENABLE YOU TO RECOGNISE EVENTS AROUND YOU AND COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER EFFICIENTLY

THE CHILDREN'S SPACE CENTER PROVIDES THE FACILITIES FOR ALL OF YOU TO EXPERIENCE THESE TRAININGS. THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE FIRST STAGE EXAMINATION IS BEING HELD HERE.
EH—? ARE WE REALLY GOING TO DO IT HERE?
THAT'S GREAT. WON'T IT BE EASY?
OF COURSE, THIS EXAM WILL BE SET TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY THAT THIS PLACE CAN PROVIDE.

IN AN ASTRONAUT'S EXAMINATION,
PLEASE DON'T THINK THAT ANYTHING WILL BE EASY!
I GUESS THAT'S IT THEN.

NOW, BEGIN-
NOW, PLEASE DIVIDE YOURSELVES INTO GROUPS OF 3!
!?
YOU WILL TAKE THIS EXAMINATION WITH 3 PEOPLE IN A GROUP!
IT COULD BE YOUR FRIENDS... IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU GO WITH
MAKING NEW FRIENDS IS A VITAL SKILL FOR AN ASTRONAUT!

EH-...
YES! WE CAN GET IN!
AM I ALLOW-ED?
FINE THEN.
NO, NOT WITH YOU!
LE-LET'S MAKE A GROUP TOGETHER!

I WOULD DEFINITELY FAIL IF I WAS IN A GROUP WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
THA-THAT'S THE PERSON WHO DIDN'T EVEN KNOW GREY-KUN BEFORE
I'M GLAD WE'RE ALREADY A TRIO.
YEAH, LET'S TRY OUR BEST!
MEGURU ..? ARE YOU OKAY?
HOSHIHARA-SAN, IT ISN'T SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT. LET'S CONCENTRATE ON THE EXAM.
THAT PERSON IS BEING RUDE...

MEGU-RU..?
MEGURU ...?
I... I CAN'T STAND IT!
B...BEING TREATED LIKE AN IDIOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW SOME UGLY MASCOT....

STAFF ONLY
YEAH!
WE ARE DEFI-NITELY GOING TO PASS THE FIRST STAGE EXAM!

HOW ARE THE PREPARATIONS?
THEY'RE GOING FINE.
SINCE THERE ARE A LOT OF EX. M STUDENTS, IT'LL BE A NUISANCE. GOOD LUCK WITH IT.
YES. WELL, THERE IS TIME LIMIT FOR THE TEST. SO LET'S JUST RELAX AND GO THROUGH WITH IT.
LET ME KNOW ONCE EVERYTHING IS READY.
YES.
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WOW
Once again, you made the exam so difficult right from the first stage.
USUBARU-SAN...
ASTRONAUT
USUBARU KEIICHIROU (37)
IN 2022, THE FIRST JAPANESE MAN TO STAND ON THE MOON.

USUBA-RU-SAN, WEREN'T YOU STILL ON THE MOON?
YEAH. BUT I CAME BACK BECAUSE I HAD BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.
THEN I GOT AN URGE TO SEE THE EXAMINATION STUDENTS.
IT MUST BE A NUISANCE HAVING TO DO A SELECTION OF THOSE CHILDREN.
ISN'T THAT WHAT WE PLANNED...? YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW...
ABOUT THAT. YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT FIRST MESSAGE... FRANKLY, HOW'S THE DECIPHERING GOING?
THAT [CHILD]... DO WE REALLY NEED THEM?
I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE...
BUT...
ONLY [CHILD] AND [STRENGTH] WERE ACCURATELY DECODED FROM THAT MESSAGE.
... SO I GUESS WE DO.

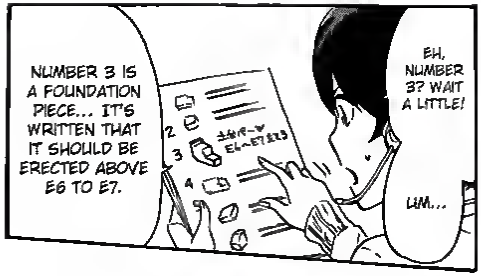
Alright!
THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN BLINDFOLDED, PLEASE ENTER THROUGH DOOR A.
I'm going to pull your hands.
YES, IT'S OK.
WA... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL!
ONE PERSON IS WEARING A BLINDFOLD AND THE THREE OF US ARE IN DIFFERENT ROOMS
You two, try your best!
FROM THE REMAINING TWO, CHOOSE ONE EACH, B OR C. ENTER THE ROOM FROM WHICHEVER DOOR, AND PLEASE WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS EXA-?
!?
THEN I PICK THIS ONE!
GOOD LUCK, AMACHI!

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE CONTENT OF THE EXAM.
YOU WILL BE WORKING WITH...
BUILDING BLOCKS.
BUILDING BLOCKS ...?
AND WITH THAT, ALL GROUPS SHOULD BE READY.
THAT'S...
SHIRA-FUNE!?
WHA... WHAT IS THIS...?
IS THIS IT?
21 Foundation parts A3 ~ B4
22 The Second Level (Above B) To be erected above F2 ~ G3
23 Foundation Parts P3 ~ E5
24 The Second Level (above B) To be erected above A4 ~ B4
25 The Third Level (above F) F7 ~ G8
26 The Second Level (Above E) E5 ~ F6
27 The Forth Level (Above 7) To be erected above A44

IN ROOM A, THERE ARE BUILDING BLOCKS PLACED ON THE SIDE.
THE ONLY ONE IN THE GROUP WHO CAN STAND AND PUT THEM TOGETHER IS THE BLINDFOLDED PERSON THAT'S IN ROOM A.
C
A
B
THE PERSON WHO IS BLINDFOLDED WILL BE GUIDED AND SUPPORTED FROM THE CAMERAS ON THE CEILING,
THEN, USING EACH BUILDING BLOCK'S ASSIGNED NUMBER, ASSEMBLE THE BLOCKS TOGETHER USING THE CORRECT ORDER AND POSITION FROM THE SHEET.
THE COMMANDER IN ROOM C WILL RELAY THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.
BY THE CONTROLLER IN ROOM B.

EACH OF YOU WILL BE PLAYING THE ROLE OF A PAIR OF EYES, BRAIN AND BODY RESPECTIVELY. WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT OF 30 MINUTES, PLEASE ASSEMBLE THE TOY BUILDING BLOCKS CORRECTLY.
THIS WILL BE REALLY HARD
CALM DOWN
THERE'S 30 MINUTES.
LET'S GET GOING
THIS IS NOT ONLY AN EXAM...
IT'S ALSO A STIMULATED SPACE-TRAINING THAT TAPS INTO THE ABILITY TO THINK ON ONE'S FEET.
THE ABILITY TO COMBINE YOUR FRIENDS' STRENGTH TO BREAK THROUGH ANY CHALLENGES, NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE MAY BE.
PLEASE EXHIBIT THAT ABILITY TO YOUR FULLEST IN THIS EXAM.
AND NOW, START!

UM, UM, DID IT START ALREADY!?
THIS... SHOULD I... READ THE SHEET?
NO, HOLD ON!
EH?
FIRST OFF, I'LL NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE LAYOUT OF THE BIG ROOM.
OK!
THE ROOM'S LENGTH IS 10 METRES ON ALL FOUR SIDES. LYING IN THE CENTER OF THE FLOOR IS A COORDINATE-LIKE SQUARE.
AH, IT'S TRUE.
ON THE OUTSIDE... PILED UP CLOSER TO THE WALLS ARE BLOCKS WITH WRITTEN NUMERALS ON THEM.
THOSE ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS.
SHIRAFUNE, MOVE TOWARDS THE RIGHT A BIT. TRY PICKING ONE UP.
A LITTLE BIT MORE TO THE RIGHT...
!
AACK!

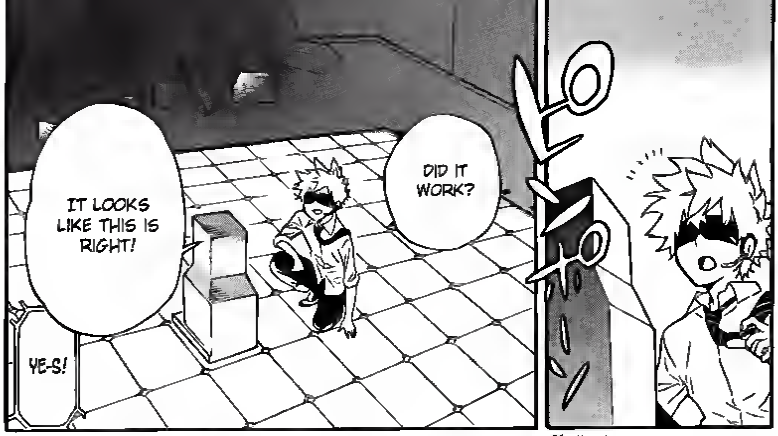

NUMBER 3 IS A FOUNDATION PIECE... IT'S WRITTEN THAT IT SHOULD BE ERECTED ABOVE E6 TO E7.
EH, NUMBER 3? WAIT A LITTLE!
UM...

.....!!
HOSHIHARA-SAN, WHAT DOES THE SHEET SAY ABOUT NUMBER 3?
UM.. THAT'S NUMBER 3.

HOSHIHARA-SAN, PLEASE NOTE WHICH ARE THE FOUNDATION PIECES!
FOUNDATION? E6 IS A COORDINATE ON THE FLOOR... GOOD. SHIRAFUNE, PLEASE MOVE TO WHERE I TELL YOU!

TO THE OTHER SIDE.
HERE?
MORE TO THE RIGHT.
YES, SO THE WORDS ARE FACING TOWARDS THE CEILING...

STAY CALM, AND WE CAN DO THIS!
LET'S BEGIN WITH THE FIRST BLOCK, YOU TWO!
Yeah!
I-I UNDER-STAND!



Sfx: *beep*

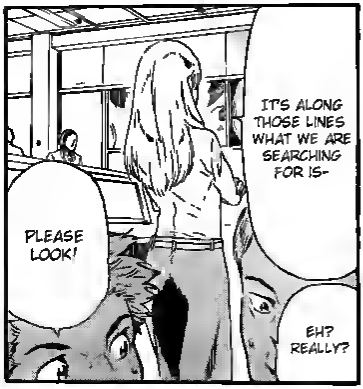
HOSHI-HARA-SAN, HOW MANY TOY BUILDING BLOCKS ARE THERE ALTO-GETHER?
FUU... WE FINALLY PUT ONE IN... BUT IT TOOK US TWO AND A HALF MINUTES...
40 BLOCKS?
AH.
ALL TOGETHER... 8 PAGES! NO, THERE'S 40!!... 40!? ISN'T THAT A LOT...?

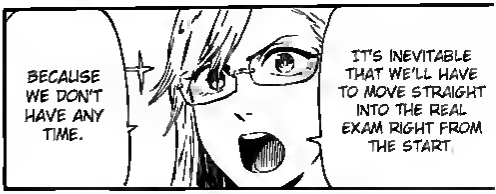
Sfx: *sound of Maho falling over*

EH...~ BUT THEY TOLD US THIS IS TRAINING FOR OUTER-SPACE
WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS SO EASY!? THIS IS AN EXAMINATION!
I REALLY CAN'T SEE ANYTHING. BUT THIS IS KIND OF FUN!
YES...
.....

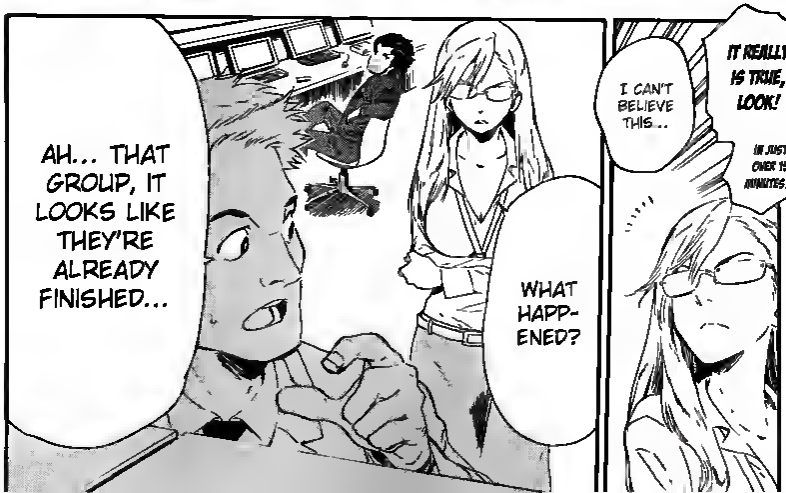
THAT'S WHY IT'S HARD BUT...
RIGHT NOW, ALL 3 OF US ARE ASTRONAUTS!!
.....!!
YOSH.. LET'S GO WITH THE NEXT ONE HOSHIHARA-SAN WHAT ABOUT NUMBER 9?
NUMBER 9 IS UM...
40 PIECES THEN... AND 27 MINUTES LEFT EVEN IF WE RAISE OUR PACE, WE'LL BARELY MAKE IT...
27.01
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALREADY? WHEN WE HAVE NO TIME-!

PRINCIPAL .. ULTIMATELY, THIS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TOO HARD.
ALL OF THE GROUPS ARE STRUGGLING.
15 MINUTES .. HALF OF THE ALLOCATED TIME IS ALREADY GONE. HOW IS IT?


IT'S ALONG THOSE LINES WHAT WE ARE SEARCHING FOR IS-
PLEASE LOOK!
EH? REALLY?


BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME.
IT'S INEVITABLE THAT WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE STRAIGHT INTO THE REAL EXAM RIGHT FROM THE START.

WELL, I GUESS WE DIDN'T DO IT THE NORMAL WAY THIS TIME..
I...I GUESS SO.


AH... THAT GROUP, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ALREADY FINISHED...
WHAT HAPPENED?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
IT REALLY IS TRUE, LOOK!
IN JUST OVER 15 MINUTES...

EH!?
IS IT TRUE!? SHOW ME!
OI, OI, ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
THAT'S A SHOCK.. TO BE FINISHED IN HALF OF THE ALLOCATED TIME...
THAT CHILD.. COULD IT BE..?
!
IT'S... IT'S INDEED THAT CHILD!
HOW DID HE?
WHAT IS IT THAT HE POSSESS-ES...!?
NEXT ISSUE, MORE LIGHT WILL BE SHED ON SHIRAFUNE'S [STRENGTH]!!
ST&RS-スターズ-
CHAPTER 2 /END
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEW SERIALIZATION, EXTENDED 23 PAGE CHAPTER 3//

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MUDA SCANS
IS
JOIN OUR FORUMS!
MAKING THIS PAGE TOOK SO LONG BUT
WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK
RECRUITING NEW POSITIONS
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QUALITY CHECKERS
RAW-PROVIDERS
ANYONE IS WELCOME
WE HAVE COOKIES!
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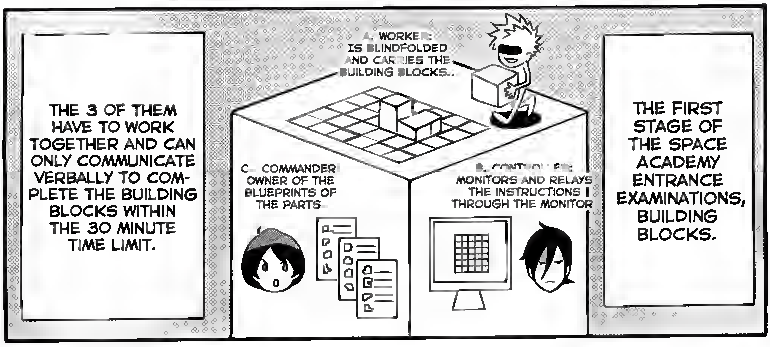
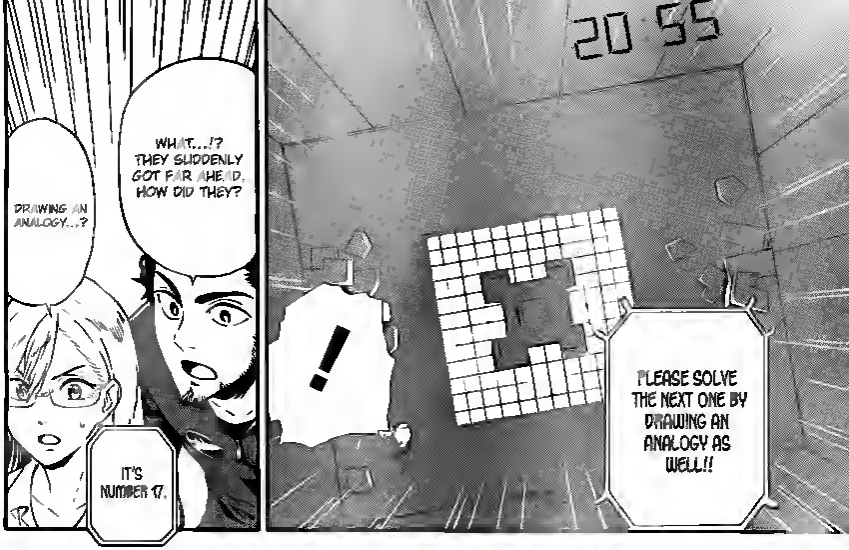
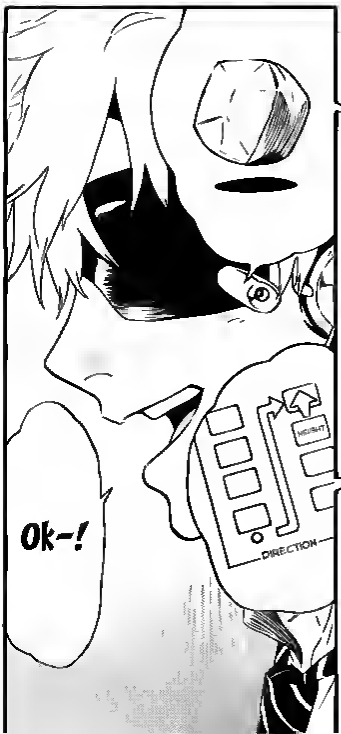
ALREADY A GREAT HIT!! CHAPTER 3 OF THE NEW SERIALIZATION WITH AN EXTENDED 23 PAGES!!
I WANT TO SEE IT WITH MY EYES
——THE SPACE.
STEP 3: THREE DIMENSIONAL
STORY: TAKEUCHI RYOUSUKE
ART: MIYAKAWA MASARU

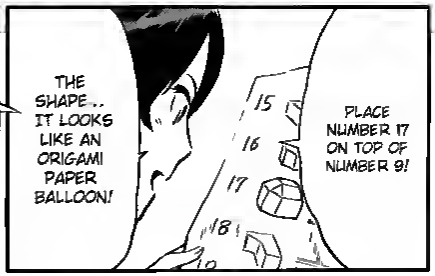
SHIRAFUNE AND CO.... HOW DID THEY CLEAR THE PATH OF THE OBSTACLE!?

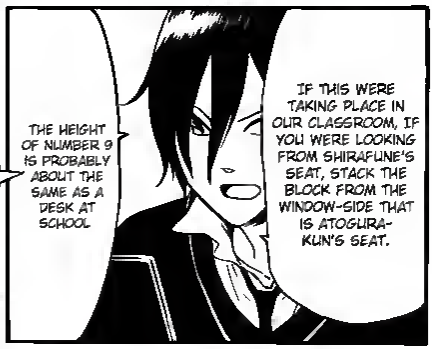

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SPACE ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, BUILDING BLOCKS.
A. WORKER IS BLINDFOLDED AND CARRIES THE BUILDING BLOCKS..
B. CONTROLLER MONITORS AND RELAYS THE INSTRUCTIONS I THROUGH THE MONITOR
C. COMMANDER OWNER OF THE BLUEPRINTS OF THE PARTS
THE 3 OF THEM HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER AND CAN ONLY COMMUNICATE VERBALLY TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING BLOCKS WITHIN THE 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

THE VIDEO WAS RECORDED RIGHT? PLAY IT BACK!
YE YES!
— I CAN JUST READ THIS, RIGHT?
NO, WAIT!! FIRSTLY, LET ME TELL YOU BOTH ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE BIG ROOM-
H-M...
USURA-RU-SAN
COMPARED TO THE OTHER GROUPS, THEIR EFFICIENCY AT STANDING UP THE FIRST BLOCKS WASN'T REALLY THAT GOOD...
FAST FORWARD IT MORE
INDEED.
THIS... FROM THE TOP IT LOOKS LIKE A SYMMETRICAL SHAPE.
SYMMETRICAL?
...THERE'S NOT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE. THEY HAD TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING DRAMATIC, OR ELSE DOING IT IN 15 MINUTES WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE...
OK-!!


WHAT...!? THEY SUDDENLY GOT FAR AHEAD. HOW DID THEY?
DRAWING AN ANALOGY...?
IT'S NUMBER 17.
!
PLEASE SOLVE THE NEXT ONE BY DRAWING AN ANALOGY AS WELL!!


Ok-!
HEIGHT
DIRECTION


THE SHAPE.. IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORIGAMI PAPER BALLOON!
PLACE NUMBER 17 ON TOP OF NUMBER 9!
15
16
17
18


THE HEIGHT OF NUMBER 9 IS PROBABLY ABOUT THE SAME AS A DESK AT SCHOOL
IF THIS WERE TAKING PLACE IN OUR CLASSROOM, IF YOU WERE LOOKING FROM SHIRAFUNE'S SEAT, STACK THE BLOCK FROM THE WINDOW-SIDE THAT IS ATOGURA-KUN'S SEAT.

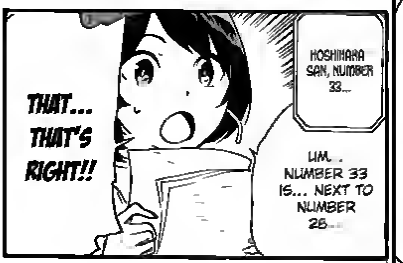
ピンポーン
DIREC TION
HEIGHT--
A GROUP OF 3 FRIENDS? THEY SEEM TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT THINKING ON THEIR FEET...
WELL, THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO FORM AN IMAGE.
THE BLOCKS' SHAPE DIRECTION, WHICH PATH TO CARRY IT IN THE DISTANCE, AND THEN THE HEIGHT TO PUT IT DOWN...
EVERYDAY THINGS. USING THE THINGS AROUND THEM TO DRAW ANALOGIES HUH!
...SO THAT'S IT.
IT'S IN THE FIRST ROW, THE THIRD SEAT FROM THE RIGHT.
IN OGURA-KUN'S DIRECTION...
17
PLEASE WAIT A BIT. SOMETHING LOOKS A LITTLE WEIRD...
...?
SHIRAFUNE, WHAT HAPPENED?
EH... WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S HAPPENING, MAHO?
.....
SHIRAFUNE, PLEASE PICK UP THE NEXT ONE QUICK!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
.....
SHIRA-FUNE?
IN... INDEED COMPARED TO THE COORDINATES THEY'RE USING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, IT'S EASIER FOR THEM TO GAUGE THE SENSE OF DISTANCE THAT WAY...
HOWEVER, IF IT'S JUST THAT, THEN OTHER GROUPS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO USE THAT METHOD AS WELL.

WHAT IS HE THINKING ABOUT?
HE'S NOT MOVING...
WHAT HAPPENED?
AMACHI-KUN BEFORE, YOU SAID THIS LOOKED SYMMETRICAL
SHIRAFUNE LIKE HOSHIHARA-SAN SAID, THERE'S NO TI...
PICK IT UP ALREADY! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE PLAYING AROUND!
OI MAHO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YE-S...
EH? YEAH...
NO, JUST...
THEN MAYBE THIS BUILDING BLOCK
WOULD GO ON TOP OF THE ONE BEFORE?

?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT NUMBER IS THIS?
NU.. NUMBER 28...
28' 28'7 NUMBER 28 IS... ABOVE NUMBER 17
THEN
28
29
IT MATCHED...!!
EH...!?

I was right!?
That's great!

SHIRA-FUNE, HOW DID YOU KNOW?
UM-, ABOUT THAT.. AH
I KNOW THIS AS WELL.. IT SHOULD BE PLACED NEXT TO THE BLOCK BEFORE


KOSHIMARA SAN, NUMBER 33...
UM.. NUMBER 33 IS... NEXT TO NUMBER 28...
THAT... THAT'S RIGHT!!

THIS IS...!?

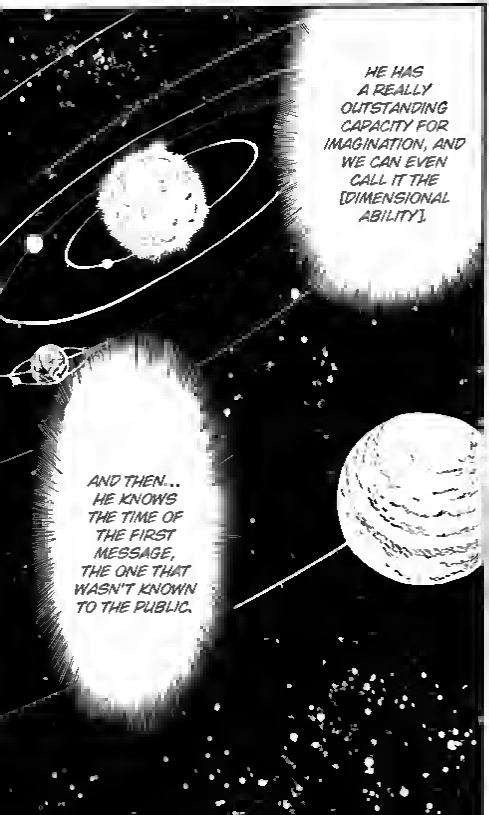
EHHHH HHH---!! HOW DID YOU-!?
HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING-!!
...IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE CAN SEE?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL—
THAT CAN'T BE IT! IT'S AN ATTACHING BLINDFOLD FOR SPECIAL EVENTS!!
17:41
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY
EH...

THAT'S IT!
27
BECAUSE I WAS PILING THEM UP WITH MY OWN HANDS, I UNDERSTOOD IT FIRST!
BY USING HIS SENSE OF TOUCH, HE KNOWS THE THING THEY'RE MAKING..
HE ALREADY KNOWS WHAT TO DO.
AMACHI-KUN, YOU CAN ONLY WATCH FROM RIGHT ABOVE RIGHT?
YE.. YEAH IT'S PROBABLY EASIER TO GIVE OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS USING THE COORDINATES..
THAT'S THE ONLY POSSIBILITY
THIS.. YOU KNOW, THAT, AMACHI-KUN!
ENOUGH!! WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU TALKING ABOUT ALREADY!?
HUH..?
AH!!
THIS... COULD IT BE...!

YES.
APOLLO!? WASN'T APOLLO THE FIRST SPACESHIP TO GO TO THE MOON?
EVEN WHEN YOU WERE BLINDFOLDED YOU REALISED WHILE YOU WERE BUILDING IT MAYO?
I'M GOOD AT THIS SORT OF THING.
EVEN IF I'M BLINDFOLDED.
I CAN ALREADY SEE IT CLEARLY.
APOLLO...

THE APOLLO THAT LANDED ON THE MOON.
THE TIME IS 15 MINUTES AND 12 SECONDS
THIS EXAMINATION HAS ENDED.
WE PASSED THIS, DIDN'T WE!?
THAT'S REALLY GOOD...
We did it guys!!
Wa—!! We were fast-!!

IF THAT'S NOT THE CASE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CARRY THOSE BUILDING BLOCKS AND MOVE THEM AROUND SO EASILY.
He didn't fall at all in the middle of it
IT IS PROBABLE THAT THIS CHILD'S THREE DIMENSIONAL PROCESSING ABILITY IS REALLY WELL DEVELOPED.
SO THAT'S IT..
STOPPED
.....


HE HAS A REALLY OUTSTANDING CAPACITY FOR IMAGINATION, AND WE CAN EVEN CALL IT THE [DIMENSIONAL ABILITY].
AND THEN... HE KNOWS THE TIME OF THE FIRST MESSAGE, THE ONE THAT WASN'T KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC.

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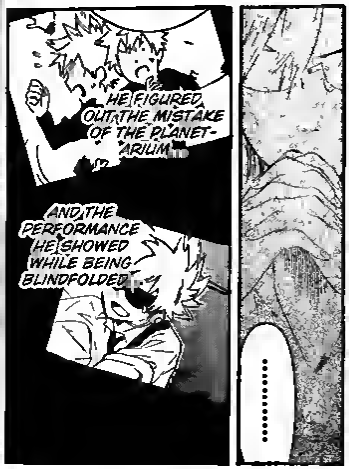
SO IT SEEMS
THE NEXT EXAM SHOULD BE INTERESTING!


HE FIGURED OUT THE MISTAKE OF THE PLANETARIUM
AND THE PERFORMANCE HE SHOWED WHILE BEING BLINDFOLDED...
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THIS IS AN UNDENIABLE FACT...
MORE THINGS ARE PILING UP ON HIM
SHIRAFUNE MAHO

Sign. Space Cafeteria
宇宙食堂
ガヤガヤ
It's here, here!! Students taking the exam can use this place from today on!
I'm starving!
Same!
Ah, look. There's even Milky Way curry.
Ohhh, this is!!

FRANKLY, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU STOPPED MOVING, MAHO.
I'M GLAD WE'VE PASSED---
I WAS SURE OF IT WHEN I TOUCHED THE SHAPE.
THEN YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING BACK THEN!!
BUT... THAT WAS SMART OF YOU, MAHO, TO FIGURE OUT THAT WAS APOLLO.
HINTS?
YEAH, YOUR HINTS HELPED A GREAT DEAL.
LIKE. IT LOOKS SYMMETRICAL FROM THE TOP, AND HINTS LIKE THAT THERE WAS A PART THAT LOOKED LIKE A PAPER BALLOON.
WHEN I WAS BUILDING THE SHAPE, I WAS IMAGINING BIT BY BIT THE THING I WAS MAKING.
GOT IT, SO THAT'S HOW YOU DID IT..
THAT'S AMAZ-ING...
BUT HOW DID YOU FIGURE IT OUT FROM THAT!!
THIS CURRY WAS DELICIOUS. I THINK I'LL GET ANOTHER BOWL
DON'T EAT TOO FAST!
Ah, please excuse m-

*L note. She wanted to say that she is "Fluent" in Japanese

MY NAME IS MARCA, AND I'M A RUSSIAN. YOU'RE JAPANESE RIGHT, SO WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?
SINCE ALL OF YOU ARE STILL HERE I ASSUME THAT YOU GUYS ALSO PASSED THE FIRST STAGE EXAMINATIONS
!?
Licking
I'M AMACHI WATARU
Mg...my name is Hoshihara Meguru!
I AM SHIRAFUNE MAHO!
MY JAPANESE IS GREAT, ISN'T IT SHIROFUNE! I STUDIED A LOT!!
SO THAT I COULD TALK TO USUBARU-SAN IN JAPANESE!!
HOSHIHARA, AMACHI AND SHIROFUNE* THEN
I remembered them! With this, we're now friends!!
Ah, I'm Shirafune...
AMACHI-KUN, ISN'T THERE A SPACE ACADEMY IN RUSSIA AS WELL..?
N.. NO.
I'M SORRY. SHE'S A LITTLE LOUD
Do you know him? The Great Subterrane of moon was HAMM!?
That's it! I have great respect for him!!
USUBARU SAN? THE ASTRONAUT?

TL note. She mixed up Maho's name from Shirafune to Shirofune.

AND THERE IS THE GREATEST SPACE BASE IN THE WORLD,
THE CAPE CANAVERAL MAIN ACADEMY IN FLORIDA.
AH, THERE IS. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED THE JAPANESE ACADEMY, IT'S NOT ONLY OPENED FOR JAPANESE TO TAKE THE EXAM
ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, AFRICA, RUSSIA, AMERICA.
ALL AROUND THE WORLD, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH SPACE ACADEMY'S ENTRY EXAMINATIONS YOU TOOK.
That's right!!
I WANT TO GO TO THE SCHOOL LISUPARU WAS FROM AND THEN I WANT TO BECOME AN ASTRONAUT!
BUT IN THE END IT DOESN'T MATTER
PEOPLE WILL GATHER FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD!

MARCA, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE LEAVE.
THAT'S TRUE! LET'S MEET AT THE NEXT EXAM!
.....
EH... WHAT'S THIS! I'M THE MOST DETERMINED!
ME... ME AS WELL!!
NOW... NOW I FEEL LIKE I HAVE GREAT DETERMINATION...! I WANT TO GO...!!
FLORIDA... THERE'S A DISNEY-LAND THERE!
WHERE THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE IS!
FLORIDA, CAPE CANAVERAL!!
POKA— (SEE YOU)
I'm not going to lose!
.....!!
WE... WE'LL TRY OUR BEST AS WELL!!

AND WITH THAT, THE TIME HAS COME.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF EXAM WE'LL HAVE NEXT...
AT THIS PACE, I WONDER HOW MANY SELECTION EXAMS WE'LL HAVE THIS WINTER HOLIDAY.
100 PEOPLE... THAT'S STILL A LOT- I WONDER HOW MANY WILL SURVIVE FOR THE NEXT TEST...
...THEY REDUCED A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS IN ONE GO
WITH THIS, THERE'S ONLY ABOUT 100 PEOPLE LEFT.

NO, THE LAST EXAMINATION, THE EXAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN AN ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT.
THIS IS NOW THE SPACE ACADEMY SECOND STAGE SELECTION EXAMINATION.

AFTER YOU RECEIVE THE ITEMS, RIDE THE ELEVATOR IN ORDER AND PLEASE MOVE!
NOW YOU WILL BE HANDED OUT THE NECESSARY ITEMS FOR YOUR EXAM.
WHAT'S THE ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT?
IT'S ALREADY THE LAST!
THAT'S FAST
THE LAST ONE... THE NEXT ONE!?

エレベーター
IN AN ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT, WHAT ARE WE MEANT TO DO?
MAY ..MAYBE THEY'LL PUT US IN A SMALL, DARK SPACE?
I CAN'T STAND THAT SORT OF THING...
PROBABLY .. SOMETHING LIKE STRESS RESISTANCE .. WELL, I THINK IT'LL BE CARRIED OUT IN TEAMS AGAIN...
HERE, FOR THE GIRLS
EH...!?
WHA.. WHAT'S INSIDE THIS... IT'S.. HEAVY...
MEGURU, OVER HERE!
THIS... THIS IS PRETTY DEEP UNDER-GROUND ...
I WONDER WHAT WE NEED THIS LUGGAGE FOR. IT'S LIKE WE'RE EXPLORERS.
Sfx: 'sound of the elevator hitting the bottom'
WAH
EVERYONE, PLEASE LOOK OUT OF THE ELEVATOR'S FRONT WINDOW.
OUCH-
DID IT STOP?
WHAT IS IT?

THIS IS THE MODULE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF LONG-TERM STAY AT THE UNDERGROUND BASE OF THE MOON
STARTING TODAY, THIS IS WHERE YOUR TWO WEEK ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT EXAMINATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT.
THE SLEEPING MONOLITH.
THE SHAPE OF THE STAGE IS SHOWN!! THE CURTAINS FOR THE TWO WEEKS OF COMPETITION ARE RAISED—!!
.....
!?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...
ST&RS-スターズ-
STEP 3 /END
NEXT ISSUE, THE ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT EXAM!! THE STUDENT THAT SHIRAFUNE AND CO. ENCOUNTER!!?

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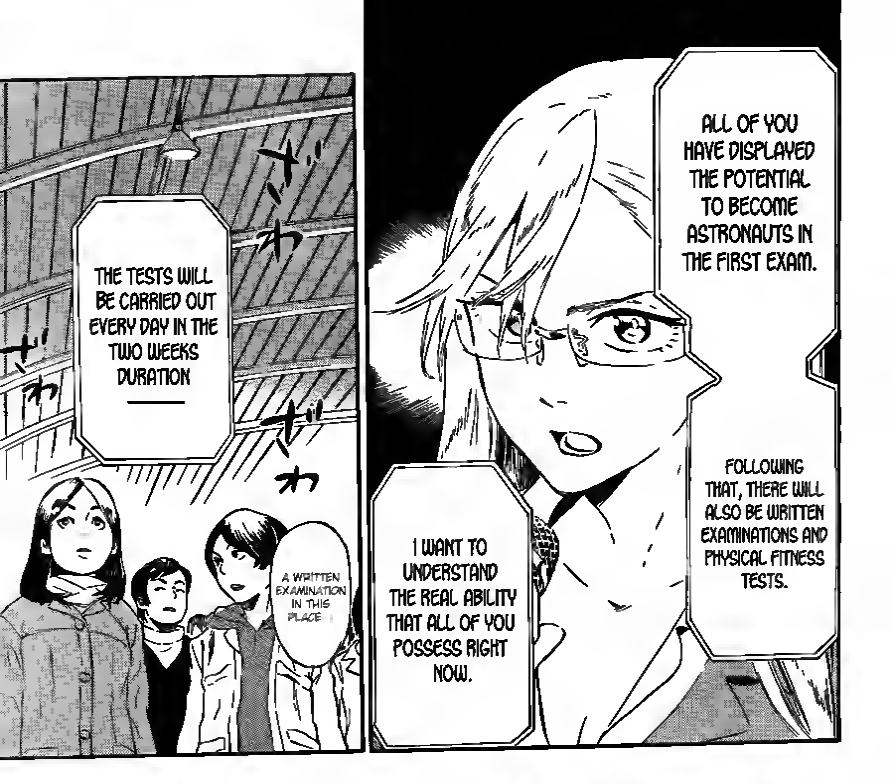
THE TWO-WEEK FINAL EXAMINATION HAS JUST BEGUN!!
YEAR 2033, 24TH DECEMBER, 15:00. THE LOCATION FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SPACE ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
"SLEEPING MONOLITH" THE MODULE USED SPECIALLY FOR THE ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT TEST.
IT'S... IT'S HUGE —!!
ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENT... I THOUGHT THAT WE WILL BE DOING THE TEST IN A MORE CONFINED AREA INSTEAD
ME... ME TOO.
THE PEOPLE IN FRONT, PLEASE DO NOT STOP MOVING AND ENTER THE MODULE.

IT'S CLOSED... SEEMS LIKE WE ARE REALLY GOING TO HAVE A TWO-WEEK EXAMINATION IN THIS PLACE!
The door...!
!!
IT WILL ALREADY BE THE NEXT YEAR WHEN WE LEAVE THIS PLACE THROUGH THAT DOOR, HUH.
Well then, everyone can celebrate the end of the year together!
AH! THE RED AND WHITE!!*

T/N: RED AND WHITE SONG BATTLE. IT'S AN ANNUAL MUSIC SHOW THAT IS ONLY BROADCASTED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

EVERYONE WILL BE STAYING IN THIS MODULE.
AT THE SAME TIME, ALL OF YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE STAGES INDIVIDUALLY AND IN GROUPS OF THREES.
THE "LANDING ON MARS" WILL HAPPEN IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS TIME ——
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THE FINAL CANDIDATE WILL BE AMONGST ALL OF YOU. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!


ALL OF YOU HAVE DISPLAYED THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME ASTRONAUTS IN THE FIRST EXAM.
FOLLOWING THAT, THERE WILL ALSO BE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTS.
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL ABILITY THAT ALL OF YOU POSSESS RIGHT NOW.
THE TESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT EVERY DAY IN THE TWO WEEKS DURATION
A WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN THIS PLACE...!

EVERY... EVERY DAY!? SEEMS... SEEMS LIKE THERE WILL BE NO BREAK AT ALL...
A thrush I expected that
UH! LET'S WORK HARD!

THERE ARE 102 OF US LEFT .. SO THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE RANKING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WITH RESPECT TO ALL CANDIDATES, HUH...

STEP 4: MONOLITH

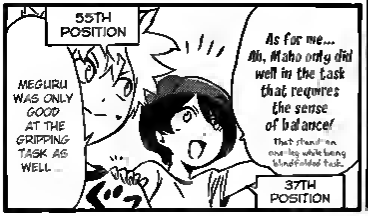
ST&RS
THINK, GRIP, AND LEAP!!
TRYING ONE'S BEST NO MATTER WHAT THE TEST IS!!
THE SIDE STORY IS SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED IN VERY NEXT ISSUE OF THE SUMMER "NEXT!" MEGURU SAW SHIRAFUNE'S AND AMACHI'S...!?

STORY: TAKEUCHI RYOUSUKE ART: MIYOKAWA MASARU

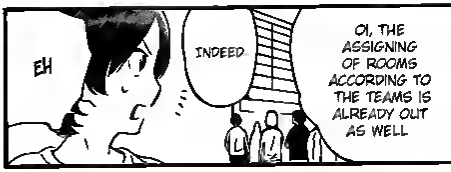
19:00
AH...
I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED ——!!
INDEED...
MAHO! AMACHI-KUN! OVER HERE, OVER HERE!!
AH!!
Take a look at this! The results for the tests from earlier are already out. There!!
総合
1 深海
宙地
七崎
THERE'S A REALLY IMPRESSIVE PERSON!!
——!!

IT'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE... I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON DID THAT.....
JUST HOW CAPABLE IS THIS PERSON...

ALTHOUGH IT'S AMAZING THAT AMACHI ACHIEVED THE OVERALL SECOND PLACE... THERE IS SOMEONE WHO'S ACTUALLY PERFECT. !!
WOW... AMAZING!! THAT PERSON WITH THE NAME FUKAMI GOT THE FIRST PLACE FOR EVERYTHING!!
OVERALL SECOND


55TH POSITION
MEGURU WAS ONLY GOOD AT THE GRIPPING TASK AS WELL...
As for me... Ah, Maho only did well in the task that requires the sense of balance!
That must be one leg while being blindfolded task.
37TH POSITION

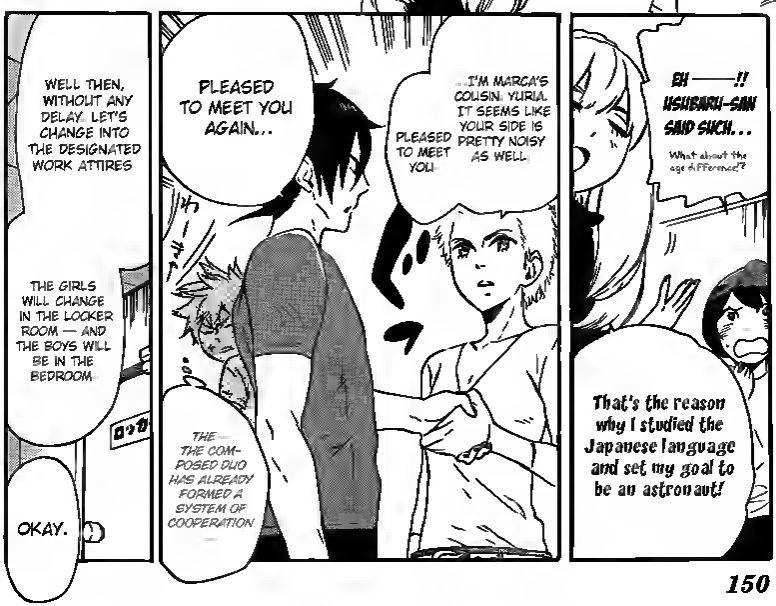
THE RESIDENCE MODULE
YEAH
LET'S GO
スタスタ！
WAIT, WAIT!!
THAT MEANS THAT WE'LL BE CHANGING CLOTHES IN THE SAME ROOM!? A TEST AT NIGHT!? WAIT!!


EH
INDEED
OI, THE ASSIGNING OF ROOMS ACCORDING TO THE TEAMS IS ALREADY OUT AS WELL

WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING WE'LL ALSO BE HAVING EXAMS AT NIGHT HUH
THE NEXT GROUP EXAMINATION IS ALSO WRITTEN ON IT. WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE OUR CLOTHES AND GATHER HERE BY 2100 O'CLOCK
THAT MUST BE A LIE! ROOMS ASSIGNED ACCORDING TO THE TEAMS!?
That means...

IT'S HERE.
ガチャ
SORRY FOR THE INTRU —..
E... EH!?
WHAT AM I DOING
That's definitely because I want to always be together with the person I love!!
Eh! Wasn't that out of respect!?
Hey...what are you pasting on the walls...
Waa — we're in the same room as Marca and friends!!
It's great how there are other girls
SHIRAFUNE —
Meguru!! Amachi! Shirofune!

AT THAT TIME, I GATHERED ALL MY COURAGE AND CONFESSED TO HIM.
"I WILL ACCEPT YOU IF YOU BECOME AN ASTRONAUT"
AND...
IT WAS AT THAT TIME THAT I BECAME MESMERIZED BY HIM!!
USUBA
ARRIVED AT THE MOON 2022
Ah... that was the poster for the trip to the moon in year 2022!
I pasted this in my room too!
YOU... YOU SEEM TO BE PRETTY FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS, SHIROFUNE!
BUT I'VE MET HIM FACE TO FACE BEFORE!!


WELL THEN, WITHOUT ANY DELAY. LET'S CHANGE INTO THE DESIGNATED WORK ATTIRES
THE GIRLS WILL CHANGE IN THE LOCKER ROOM — AND THE BOYS WILL BE IN THE BEDROOM.
OKAY.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU AGAIN...
THE— THE COMPOSED DUO HAS ALREADY FORMED A SYSTEM OF COOPERATION
...I'M MARCA'S COUSIN, YURIA. IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR SIDE IS PRETTY NOISY AS WELL.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
EH——!! USUBARU-SAN SAID SUCH...
What about the age difference?
That's the reason why I studied the Japanese language and set my goal to be an astronaut!

SO —
WHICH ONE IS IT, MEGURU!?
EH!?
WHICH... WHICH WH... ONE!? WHAT DO YOU...
REALLY — THAT'S WHY JAPANESE ARE...
Shirofune or Amachi — which one of them do you like so much that you followed him here!!
..I DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE OF THE THINGS YOU SAID!.. I WAS WORRIED...
WELL WHATEVER IS FINE!
HOW ROMANTIC IS THAT TO GO TO SPACE TOGETHER WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE —
I also want to go to the Moon with Usubaru —
.....
MARCA... WE MIGHT ANGER HIM AGAIN IF WE DON'T HURRY UP
AH... YES.
?

..HE? THE OTHER PERSON IN MARCA'S TEAM IS A GUY?
SO.. SO WHICH ONE IS IT FOR YOU THEN!
THAT GUY IS NOT MY BOYFRIEND! HE'S REALLY WEIRD!!
I'M TOTALLY DEVOTED TO USUBARU!!
THAT GUY IS AN EXTREME PERFECT-IONIST!!
OH— ...
JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE...
ガチャ..

A 3-TIER BED
HMM? A PHOTOGRAPH?
IT'S MINE.

CAN YOU PLEASE PUT IT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL POSITION?
Arashi
Arash
!
AH... SORRY ABOUT THAT. I PUT IT BACK!
...YOU'RE FROM MARCA'S TEAM?
AHH... WAIT FOR A MOMENT, I'M FINISHING SOON.
WHAT... WHAT IS HE DOING
.....
GOOD.
AMACHI WATARU, LET'S GET ALONG FROM NOW ON
AH .. I'M SHIRAFUNE MAHO.
PLEASED TO——
SEIUN H

HU... HUGE! AND THAT WELL-BUILT BODY...
Why is he naked though?
I AM ...
HMMM!!?
!?
WH... WHAT?
.....
SHIRAFUNE MAHO!!
WRITE YOUR NAME ON ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS THIS VERY MOMENT!!

"VALIDATION" IS THE VERY BASIC OF SPACE!!
I DON'T NEED ANYONE WHO CAN'T DO THAT TO BE IN THE TEAM!!
NA... NAME?
IN SPACE, THE MANAGEMENT OF ITEMS MUST BE DONE THOROUGHLY! EVEN A SCREW MUST ALSO BE LABELED WITH AN ID!
SO "ARASHI" IS THE NAME, HUH
Arashi
THAT'S INDEED CORRECT AS EVEN A SCREW CAN BECOME THE CAUSE TO A SERIOUS ACCIDENT
U...UH! I GOT IT!!
HIS TONE OF SPEAKING IS AS IF IT'S DECIDED THAT WE'LL DEFINITELY BE GOING TO SPACE ...
Although he looks kind of scary... he's actually a good person!
AH... AHHH, THAT'S RIGHT
!!
HE... HE EVEN WROTE HIS NAME ON THE WRAPPER OF THE STICKERS —!!
Arashi
Ah... Thank you!
GOOD! IN THAT CASE I WILL GIVE YOU THESE NAME STICKERS!

AHH...
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
YOU SEEM TO HAVE MET ASTRONAUTS AS WELL
THEY ARE MY PARENTS.
EH!! AMAZING!!
Are your father and mother both astronauts!?
.....!
AHH
MY NAME IS FUKAMI F. ARASHI!
LET'S GET ALONG FROM NOW ON!!
FUKAMI...
FUKAMI'S THE ONE WHO GOT FIRST FOR EVERY-THING...!
IS HE THE SON OF FUKAMI-SAN AND AKELUI-SAN!!
...FIRST PLACE FOR ALL TASKS. ALTHOUGH IT'S EXPECTED OF HIM TO PERFORM ABOVE THE NORMS...
HIS PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIRST TEST WAS REALLY IMPRESSIVE AS WELL.
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF TESTS FOLLOWED AFTER... NO, THE MEANING OF THOSE TESTS HAD BECOME...

.....
ALTHOUGH HIS PERSONALITY IS A LITTLE WEIRD, THERE IS NOTHING TO CRITICIZE
I ACTUALLY FELT LIKE GOING ABILITY ABOUT HIS TO SPACE IF IT'S WITH THIS GUY.
THE SHIRAFUNE-KUN THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
55TH PLACE IN THE OVERALL RANKING...
ARE WRITTEN AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS INCAPABLE OF DETECTING THAT ABILITY?
THE NEXT TEST IS THAT, ISN'T IT?
YOU WILL BE ABLE UNDERSTAND WITH THAT, RIGHT?
WITH THE ENCOUNTER OF THE TWO...
SHIRAFUNE-KUN'S TRUE ABILITY MAY BE...
T/N: USUBAKU USES OMAE (A RUDE WAY OF CALLING YOU) TO CALL HER. ADDITIONALLY IN JAPAN, WOMEN FOR THEIR HUSBAND CALLING THEM OMAE (OTHER THE RELATIONSHIP OF HER AND USUBAKU IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.
HALL
DON'T CALL ME "YOU*".
AND...
IT'LL BE GOOD IF IT'S AS WHAT YOU'VE SAID.

HMM... I'VE FINISHED CHANGING...
THIS... WHAT KIND OF EXAM WILL WE BE HAVING FROM NOW ON...!?
THIS... THIS IS REALLY TOO EMBARRASSING...!!
Eh
WHY!? ISN'T THIS OUTFIT EXTREMELY COOL!!
THIS GUY IS REALLY...
NO WAY...
FOR OPERATORS WEARING THE OVERALL WORK WEAR, PLEASE CHECK IF THE GOGGLES ARE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY THROUGH YOUR MONITOR
FOR WORKERS WEARING THE BLACK ATTIRES PLEASE PUT ON THE GOGGLES
AH.. NO
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE CLOTHES IT SEEMS LIKE THE ASSIGNMENT OF DUTY IS DONE RANDOMLY
WHY IS AMACHI-KUN WEARING OVERALL WORK WEAR~~ CHANGE WITH ME~~

IT'S PITCH-BLACK!
THE GOGGLE...
IT'S TRUE! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL!
ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING WHILE BEING BLINDFOLDED AGAIN?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'M GOING TO ACTIVATE IT
ALL PREPARATIONS WILL BE DONE WITH THIS?
WELL THEN
IT SEEMS LIKE ALL TEAMS AND MEMBERS ARE FULLY PREPARED.
ESTABLISH THE CONNECTION.
STRETCHING ACROSS EVERYONE'S FIELD OF VISION IS

EH .....!?
!?
WHAT... WHAT IS THIS...!!
THE SURFACE OF THE MOON.
FROM EARTH TO THE FARAWAY SURFACE OF THE MOON, JUST WHAT KIND OF TEST IS AWAITING THEM!?
THE MOON ——!?
STARS-スターズ-
...THE FOURTH STEP/ END

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IS
RECRUITING NEW POSITIONS
TRANSLATORS
CLEANERS
TYPESETTERS
PROOFERS
QUALITY CHECKERS
RAW-PROVIDERS
ANYONE IS WELCOME
WE HAVE COOKIES!
WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK
JOIN OUR FORUMS!
MAKING THIS PAGE TOOK SO LONG!!!
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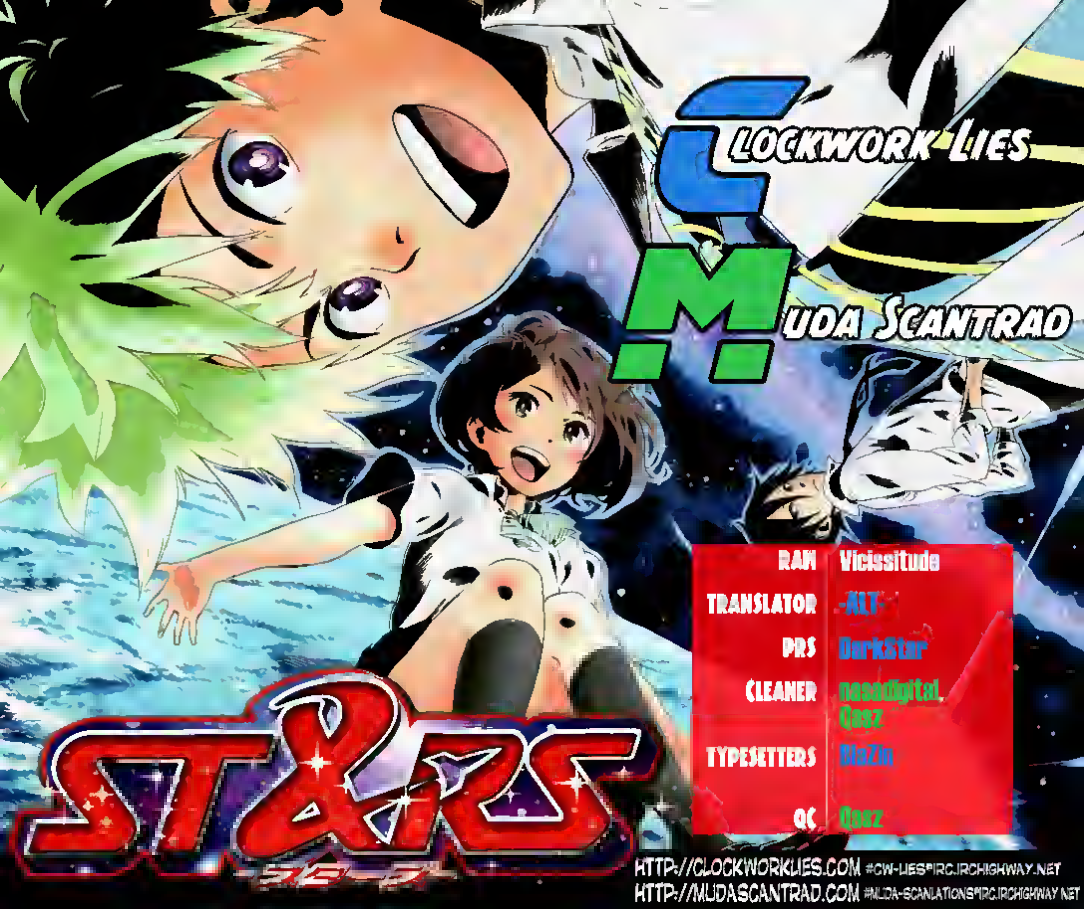
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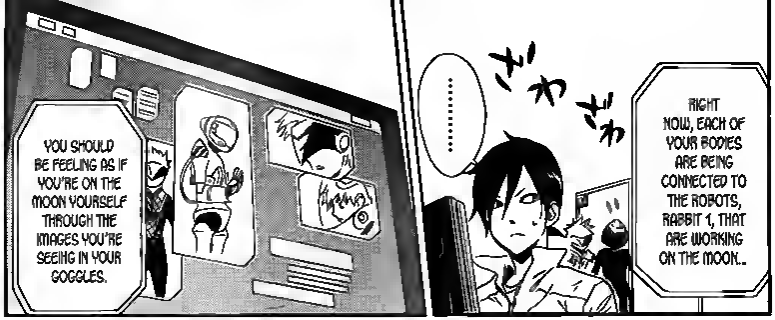
STORY : TAKEUCHI RYOUSUKE
ART : MIYOKAWA MASARU

WATCHING THE EARTH FROM A DISTANCE, AN EXAMINATION ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON!!
MOON...!?
BY MO... MO... MOON, DO YOU MEAN THE EARTH'S MOON!? AHH"!!
IT... IT'S AMAZING
WOW... SO THE MOON ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE THIS.
HM .. HMM!?
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT PLACE IS THE EAST PART OF THE OCEANUS PROCELLARUM* OF THE MOON
COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "MARIUS HILLS**".
ME... MEGURU, YOUR BODY!!
AH...
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS ——!!
HAR-!!
My body!!

*T/N: "Ocean of Storms" (Latin: Oceanus Procellarum) is the largest dark plain on the western edge of the near side of the Earth's Moon.

**T/N: The Marius Hills are a set of volcanic domes


RIGHT NOW, EACH OF YOUR BODIES ARE BEING CONNECTED TO THE ROBOTS, RABBIT 1, THAT ARE WORKING ON THE MOON..
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ざわざわ
YOU SHOULD BE FEELING AS IF YOU'RE ON THE MOON YOURSELF THROUGH THE IMAGES YOU'RE SEEING IN YOUR GOGGLES.

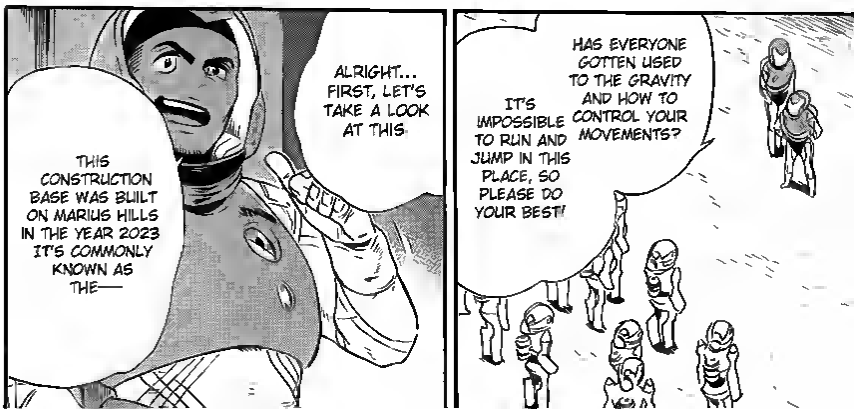
THE ROBOTS ARE CONTROLLED FROM LONG-DISTANCES AND ARE USED TO CARRY OUT DETAILED EXAMINATIONS OF DANGEROUS AREAS LIKE VOLCANOES AND DEEP UNDERWATER.
TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE TO COMMUNICATE, ALL OF YOUR FACES ARE SHOWN USING STIMULATED HOLOGRAMS.
WELL THEN, TRY MOVING AROUND
YE... YES SHIRAFUNE HOSHIHARA, TRY MOVING FOR A BIT
YEAH!
YE... YES!

WELL, LET'S START WITH THE RIGHT HAND—
.....
AH AH?
し！！
IT'S SO SLOW!? THIS REACTION.. IS THIS THING SPOILED ?
??
TRY WALKING NOW SINCE ALL OF YOU CAN MOVE
!?

AH... OUR MOTIONS FEEL MUCH LIGHTER THAN WHAT I EXPECTED... IS IT DUE TO THE LOWER AMOUNT OF GRAVITY?
EH?
W... WALKING SHOULD BE AN EASY TASK, RIGHT?
THIS IS... MOVE YOUR FOOT!
!
AH... THAT'S A REALLY BIG ROCK...
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
IT'S WEIRD! I COULD'VE SWORN THAT I DODGED THAT, BUT...
WAI-
E... EH!?
WHY —!?
IT SEEMS LIKE WE CAN'T EXPECT MUCH FROM THE MOTION PERFOR-MANCE OF THE ROBOTS THEM-SELVES
I SEE IT NOW IS THE TIME DIFFERENCE THAT GREAT...?
TIME DIFFER-ENCE?
ALL OF YOU SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT BY NOW.

MOVEMENTS ON MOON
MOVEMENTS ON EARTH
1.5 SECONDS LATER
1.5 SECONDS LATER
1.5 SECONDS LATER
ROCK
ROCK
ROCK
AH, A ROCK!
IN REALITY, THE ROBOT ITSELF WILL TAKE ANOTHER 1.5 SECONDS TO HAVE A REACTION!
AND YOU HAVE TO ADD ANOTHER 1.5 SECONDS FOR THE "IMAGES OF THE ROBOT'S MOVEMENT" TO BE SENT BACK
HENCE, WHEN YOU CARRY OUT THE MOTION OF WALKING ON EARTH,
Moon
380 000 KM
RADIO WAVES (LIGHT SPEED) 300 000 KM/S
EARTH
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE MOON IS ROUGHLY 380 THOUSAND KILOMETERS.
EVEN WITH LIGHT SPEED, IT WILL TAKE 1.5 SECONDS TO COVER THAT DISTANCE
PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHILE CARRYING OUT THE OPERATIONS!
THAT IS TO SAY, THE MOON WE SEE IS "THE WORLD THAT IS THREE SECONDS LATER".
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE THE ON-SITE EXPLANATIONS TO THE BOTH OF YOU,
MILES! CECIL!
TO BE TRUTHFUL, THE CONTENT OF THIS TEST IS ONE OF THE MISSIONS FOR THE MARS PLAN
IS THIS THE EXAM!? ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO SERIOUS?
IT TAKES ALL OUR MIGHT JUST TO WALK SLOWLY .
THAT IS TO SAY THAT WE HAVE TO IMAGINE A TIME DIFFERENCE OF 3 SECONDS!?
THAT'S RIGHT... THERE WILL STILL BE ASSESSMENT OF YOUR APTITUDE IN THIS TEST..

Oi, Oi! Fifi, it's been a while and that's all you're saying?
Yo – Everyone!
I'm Miles and I'm a support-personnel for this test. Pleased to meet you!
I'm Cecil and I'm the same as Miles. Pleased to meet you.
Miles, be more serious!
STERS'S ASTRONAUT CECIL MYERS
STERS'S ASTRONAUT MILES RODRIGUEZ
Mi... Miles! Cecil!
The real thing?
All of them are pilots located at the moon base, right!?
Amazing —!


Has everyone gotten used to the gravity and how to control your movements?
It's impossible to run and jump in this place, so please do your best!
Alright... first, let's take a look at this.
This construction base was built on Marius Hills in the year 2023 it's commonly known as the—

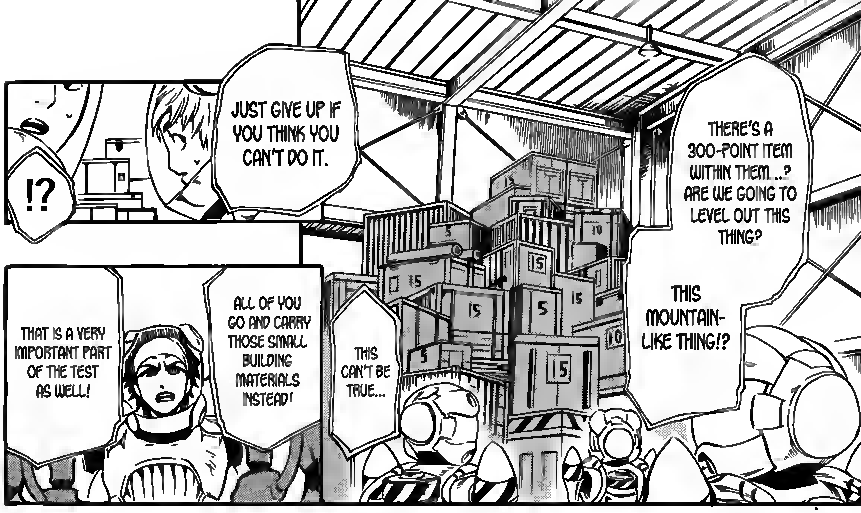
HO... HOTEL?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HOTEL, HUH---? I'VE EVEN STAYED HERE BEFORE!
THIS HOTEL IS ACTUALLY SCHEDULED TO BE TORN DOWN NEXT MONTH DUE TO OLD AGE DETERIORATION
HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL MANY FACILITIES THAT CAN BE USED! BECAUSE OF THAT, WE DECIDED THAT THIS PLACE CAN ALSO BE USED FOR THE EXAM
PLEASE HELP WITH THE MOVING!
STORM HOTEL!!
MO... MOVING!?
That's right.... all of you are required to unload the building's materials!
UH... WHEN WE'RE RUNNING HAVING SO MUCH DIFFICULTY MOVING AROUND...?
DON'T WORRY! THERE'S ALSO RI CRUBIT MODEL D MADE FOR DOING THE TASK!!
EH...?

NOW I'LL SEND THE DATA OVER TO THE OPERATORS!
GOOD!
FIRST UP ?
THERE ARE MANY ATTACHMENT PARTS FOR R1 CRABBIT MODEL D!
YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM TO REMODEL IT!
YOU CAN USE WHATEVER IS WITHIN THIS PREMISE.
THERE ARE EVEN DRILLS AVAILABLE! ARE YOU GUYS GETTING ALL FIRED UP!?
POINTS?
THE MATERIALS THAT ARE EASY TO MOVE WILL HAVE LESSER POINTS, BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO ACQUIRE POINTS BY MOVING THE BUILDING MATERIALS TO THE ROVER THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE!
THAT'S RIGHT THOSE POINTS WILL BECOME THE EXAMINATION RESULTS.
+5P
WITHIN THEM, THERE ARE 3 ITEMS THAT ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MOVE AND EACH OF THOSE ARE WORTH 300 POINTS!
... 300 POINTS... IT'S JUST LIKE THOSE BIG PRIZES IN THE CRANE GAME THAT YOU CAN'T PICK UP NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
300 POINTS.
IT SOUNDS REALLY DIFFICULT, BUT LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!!
There're three of them.

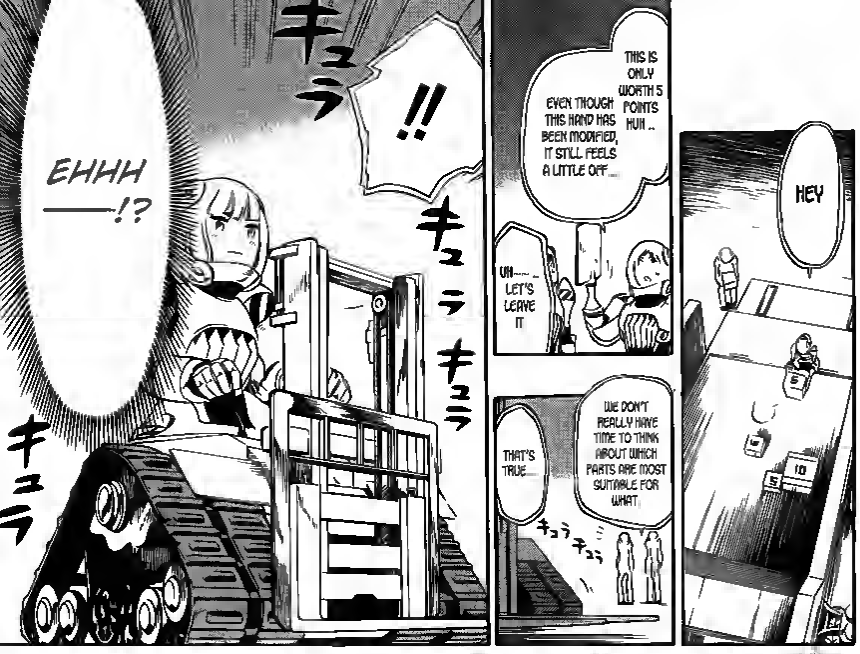
FUMIKI-KUN AND THOSE GUYS ARE AIMING FOR THE 300 POINTS AS WELL?
YOU GUYS TOO..?
WE'RE GOING TO GET THOSE 300 POINTS.
IT'S FORBIDDEN TO TRY AND OVERDO THINGS IN SPACE!
IN REALITY, ALL THIS WORK PUTS YOUR LIFE AT STAKE.
CONFIRM IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES!
!!
ALRIGHT,
THE TIME LIMIT IS 1 HOUR!
WELL THEN,
THE TIME STARTS NOW!!
THAT... THAT MIGHT BE SO, BUT I WILL DEFINITELY DO MY BEST!!
THERE IS NO NEED TO CHALLENGE IT IF YOU CAN'T DO IT RIGHT FROM THE START!!

WA... WE TRIPPED THE MOMENT WE TRIED TO HURRY...!
!!
UH... UNBELIEV-ABLE!!
THAT GUY CAN ALREADY RUN IN THAT MANNER ...!
UNDER-STOOD.
YULIA! WALK THROUGH THE ENTIRE SPACE ONCE! I'M DEPENDING ON YOU TO GUIDE THE WAY. I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF THE 300 POINTS BY MYSELF!
EH
MARIKA! LET ME KNOW ONCE YOU'VE SELECTED THOSE PARTS FOR REMODELING THE ROBOT, I WANT TO DOUBLE-CHECK THEM!
"CHECK EVEN IF THERE'S TRUST."
THIS IS THE RULE TO ABIDE BY IN SPACE!!
HOWEVER, IT'S THE LEADER'S DUTY TO CARRY OUT THE FINAL AFFIRMATION.
!
NO, I TRUST THE BOTH OF YOU.
DO... DON'T YOU TRUST US AT ALL? YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO US!

"CHECK EVEN IF THERE'S TRUST."
I WONDER IF IT'S HIS FATHER... FUKUMI-SAN, TAUGHT HIM THAT. HOWEVER, IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT VERY WELL...
INDEED...
GOOD... I WILL PROCEED TO CHECK THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT ONCE YOU'VE DONE YOUR DUTY!
GO... GOT IT.
.....
TO BE REALLY FRANK, HIS PERFORMANCE IS SO EXCELLENT THAT IT'S SCARY
UHH~~~ AGAIN..
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT'S ALRIGHT! YOU'RE MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE!
WAA
SOUTHEAST AREA
NO WAY...
SUCH A THING IS IMPOSSIBLE, ISN'T IT...!!
HOWEVER...
I STILL DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE FREELY IN THAT CROWD...
Y... YEAH...
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE WAS CLUSTERED IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA WHERE THE 300 POINTS ARE
IS IT OVER THERE?
LET'S TRY OUR BEST TO GET THERE AS WELL!


!?
JUST GIVE UP IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T DO IT.
THERE'S A 300-POINT ITEM WITHIN THEM ...? ARE WE GOING TO LEVEL OUT THIS THING?
THIS MOUNTAIN-LIKE THING!?
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE...
ALL OF YOU GO AND CARRY THOSE SMALL BUILDING MATERIALS INSTEAD!
THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE TEST AS WELL!

I WILL DO IT!!
TE... TEAM!?
THAT'S RIGHT... HENCE, THE LEADER HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE UP THE MOST CHALLENGING TASK.
WHAT... WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY ..! HE'S ORDERING US AROUND!
SEEMS LIKE YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL...
THIS IS NOT JUST AN EXAM. JUST AS WHAT WE'VE HEARD EARLIER, THIS IS ALSO A PART OF THE MARS PLAN, RIGHT?
IN THAT CASE ..
ALL OF US ARE A TEAM RIGHT NOW!!


EHHH——!?
キュラ
!!
キュラ キュラ
キュラ
EVEN THOUGH THIS HAND HAS BEEN MODIFIED, IT STILL FEELS A LITTLE OFF...
THIS IS ONLY WORTH 5 POINTS HUH..
UH..... LET'S LEAVE IT
HEY
WE DON'T REALLY HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHICH PARTS ARE MOST SUITABLE FOR WHAT.
THAT'S TRUE...
キュラ キュラ
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5

WHAT... WHAT'S THIS! IS IT A TANK!!
...WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT
THIS WILL BE THE BEST FOR TRANSPORTING ITEMS ON A CATERPILLAR TRACK... I WON'T TRIP WITH THIS!
ALTHOUGH IT'S MORTIFYING, IT MIGHT BE GOOD IF WE FOLLOW WHAT FUKAMI SAYS... BU...BU...
キュラ キュラ
BUT THIS IS NOT CUTE AT ALL!!
YULIA, CAN MANKA TRANSPORT THOSE BUILDING MATERIALS?
THE WEIGHT IS 105KG. THE CALCULATION HAS BEEN DONE... THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL!

HERE WE GO!!
AT THE BACK OF THAT WALL
OKAY, MARKA SHOULD BE PREPARED TOO, RIGHT!
O...OI... THAT...!!
ALTHOUGH THEY SAID THAT YOU CAN USE ANYTHING...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO!?
ガラガラ
!!
.....
AH.. THAT'S THE
300-POINT...!!
300
THEY BURST OPEN THE WALL...!!
300
キュラキュラ
300 POINTS ACQUIRED!!
AMAZING —!!

GOOD.
NOW, LET'S HEAD FOR THE 300-POINT MATERIAL IN THE NORTH-EAST AREA!
THE ONE IN THE SOUTH-WEST DIR-ECTION IS CLOSER.
NO... WE CAN'T DO THAT FIRST!
EH... WHY?
WE'LL NEED MORE TIME FOR THAT.
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF WE WERE MOVING WITH OUR REAL BODIES...
IT IS ALMOST IMPOS-SIBLE TO GET THAT IF WE CAN'T CONTROL RI (RABBIT ID COM-PLETELY)

THAT'S NOT THE CASE SORRY ABOUT THAT.
THAT HAPPENED DUE TO OUR NEGLIGENCE WHEN WE WERE PREPARING FOR THE EXAM...
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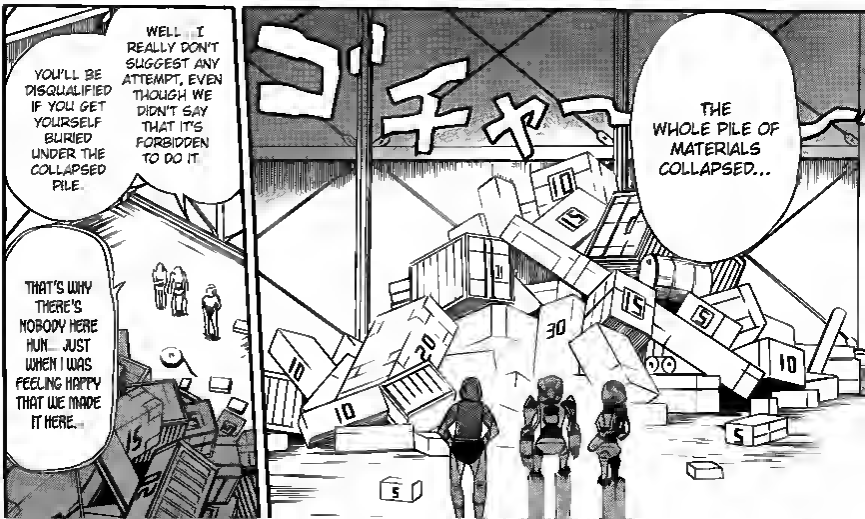
SOUTHWEST AREA


THE WHOLE PILE OF MATERIALS COLLAPSED...
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WELL... I REALLY DON'T SUGGEST ANY ATTEMPT, EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T SAY THAT IT'S FORBIDDEN TO DO IT.
YOU'LL BE DISQUALIFIED IF YOU GET YOURSELF BURIED UNDER THE COLLAPSED PILE.
THAT'S WHY THERE'S NOBODY HERE HUH... JUST WHEN I WAS FEELING HAPPY THAT WE MADE IT HERE...

EH... MAHO, ARE YOU GOING TO GET THIS?
UH... AHH, THAT'S FOR SURE
THE THING THAT'S WORTH 300 POINTS HAS BEEN BURIED WITHIN THIS PILE, RIGHT!?
BU... BUT
WELL, YOU SEE, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE OTHER AREAS AND MEGURU IS ALSO HAVING A HARD TIME MOVING AROUND!
WE CAN JUST DO IT SLOWLY OVER HERE!!
YEAH!
U... UH
EH... MAHO, ARE YOU GOING TO GET THIS?
JUST DO IT SLOWLY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, HOSHI HARA-SAN
I'LL BE GIVING SUPPORT FROM HERE AS WELL
UH... IT'S TRUE THAT WE HAD A HARD TIME GETTING AWAY FROM THE CROWD TO COME HERE...
BUT WE'LL BE DISQUALIFIED IF WE FAIL AND GET OURSELVES BURIED IN THAT THING
THAT'S WHY! WITH THE KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE ABOUT SHIRAFUNE, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS. .
THAT "COLLAPSING SHOGI"
IS ONE OF SHIRAFUNE'S BIGGEST FORTES!!

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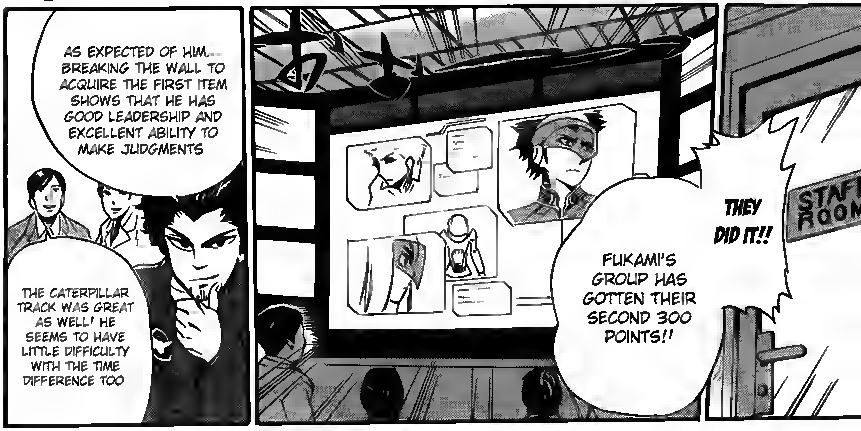
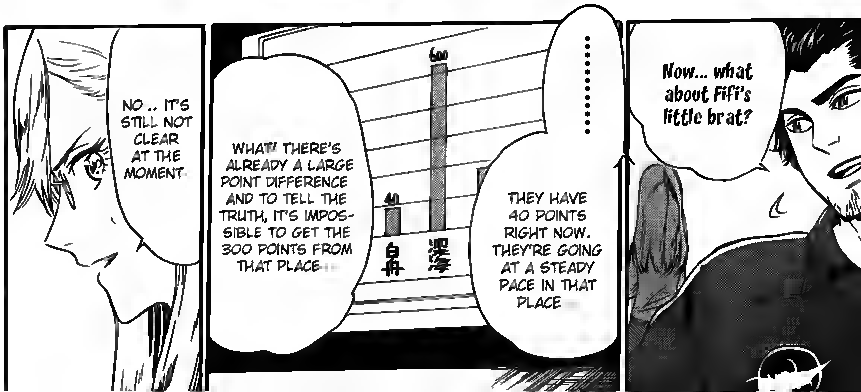
ALRIGHT IT'S PROBABLY THIS, RIGHT...?
!!
.....
EH... ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS!?
IT'S FINE!!
THERE ARE STILL A LOT...
THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO. LET'S WORK HARD!
U...UH.


AS EXPECTED OF HIM... BREAKING THE WALL TO ACQUIRE THE FIRST ITEM SHOWS THAT HE HAS GOOD LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENT ABILITY TO MAKE JUDGMENTS
THE CATERPILLAR TRACK WAS GREAT AS WELL! HE SEEMS TO HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH THE TIME DIFFERENCE TOO
FUKAMI'S GROUP HAS GOTTEN THEIR SECOND 300 POINTS!!
THEY DID IT!!


NO.. IT'S STILL NOT CLEAR AT THE MOMENT
WHAT! THERE'S ALREADY A LARGE POINT DIFFERENCE AND TO TELL THE TRUTH, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE 300 POINTS FROM THAT PLACE...
600
40
白舟
深海
.....
THEY HAVE 40 POINTS RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE GOING AT A STEADY PACE IN THAT PLACE...
Now... what about Fifi's little brat?

WH... WHAT IS HE DOING? THIS..
YEAH. ALTHOUGH HE'S JUST A ROBOT RIGHT NOW. SINCE JUST NOW
HE HAS BEEN DOING SOME FLEXIBILITY STRETCHES.
!?
GOOD
THE CALCULATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
I WILL SEND THE DATA TO YOUR GOGGLES!
THANKS!
300
AFTER OUR ATTEMPT TO LEVEL IT, WE CAN NOW SEE THE 300 POINTS BOX!
HE... HEY, MAHO! ARE YOU SAYING THAT FOR REAL!?
YEAH I CAN PROBABLY DO IT~~~~ JUST LOOK
AND THE GRAVITY OF THE MOON!!
...GOTTEN USED TO BEING A ROBOT
MOREOVER ...I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT...

!!
HE... HE REALLY
ガコン
JUMPED ——!!?
A JU...
JUMP!?
.....!!

MOVING ON THE "MOON" AS IF IT'S ONE'S OWN GARDEN!!!
300 POINTS ACQUIRED!!
AH. THIS HAS THE GRAY-KUN TOY INSIDE! IS IT ALRIGHT IF I KICK IT DOWN?
I TOLD YOU I'M USED TO IT..
HE'S ACTUALLY JUMPING..!
HA... HAHAHA---!? I WAS SO SCARED WHEN I TRIED TO WALK FOR A BIT..! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
HIS ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE DIMENSIONS CAN EVEN BE USED TO GRASP THE MOON'S ENVIRONMENT ACCURATELY!?
HE GOT... USED TO IT... I USED TO IT...
.....!!
NINJA...!!
A NI...
ST&RS-スターズ-
STEP 5... /END
NEXT ISSUE: THE EXAM HAS ENDED..!!! AT THAT TIME, ON THE MOON..!?

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STEP 6: A PITCH-BLACK MOON
A PLACE FAR FAR AWAY FROM EARTH —— THE YOUNG ADVENTURERS WITH DREAMS!
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END OF THE TASK...!!
UH——
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY! THE EXAM HAS COME TO AN END WITH THIS!!
THAT'S QUITE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS YOU GUYS HAVE MOVED. THANKS FOR THAT!
TIMEOUT FOR THE MOVING TEST!!
THESE WILL PROBABLY BE USED IN SOME OTHER PLACES, RIGHT?
YEAH. I'M GLAD THAT WE COULD BE OF SOME USE TO THEM!
WELL THEN, I WILL PROCEED WITH THE COMMENDATION FOR THE GROUPS WITH EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES!
IN FIRST PLACE WITH 600 POINTS!
THE FUKAMA-MARKA-YULIA TEAM!!
6... 600 POINTS!?
DID THEY GET TWO 300-POINT MATERIALS!? AMAZING —!!
Fufu... that's for sure!
.....

THE SHIRAFUNE-AMACHI-HOSHIHARA TEAM!!
!!
AND NEXT, THERE'S A TEAM IN SECOND PLACE WITH 350 POINTS!
350 POINTS!?
WAS THERE ANOTHER TEAM THAT ACQUIRED THE 300-POINT MATERIAL...!?
!?
FUKAMI ...?
SHIRAFUNE AND THOSE GUYS GOT SECOND PLACE!!
MAYBE THEY ARE WORTHY ENOUGH TO BE OUR RIVALS!!
NOW, EVERYONE GET ON THE ROVER. WE ARE GOINGTO THE MARIUS BASE -!!
OKAY—
WHY DON'T YOU GUYS HELP TO UNLOAD THE MATERIALS LATER ON?
EHH—
EVEN THOUGH THE EXAM HAS FINISHED, YOU CAN STILL MOVE RI AROUND

SO THIS IS THE MARIUS BASE---- IT'S THE BIGGEST ST&RS BASE ON THE MOON. I'M FILLED WITH ANTICIPA-TION----!!
IT'S RATHER SHAKY, ISN'T IT..
YOU GUYS...
!!
MA... MAKO THAT PERSON HAS BEEN STARING IN THIS DIRECTION REALLY INTENSELY...
EH...
ARE REALLY AMAZING!!
THAT WAS WELL DONE!!
!!?
EH...
THE 300 POINTS THAT YOUR TEAM ACQUIRED!
AFTER TAKING A GLANCE AT IT, MY JUDGMENT WAS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THOSE POINTS WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT...
HOWEVER, YOU GUYS ACTUALLY DID IT!!

WHAT HAVE I MISSED OUT ON... I MUST HAVE FAILED TO NOTICE SOMETHING, RIGHT!?
PLEASE TELL ME THE DETAILS OF HOW YOU GUYS ACQUIRED THAT!!
SUCH AN INTENSE DESIRE TO IMPROVE HIMSELF UNRELIEVABLE
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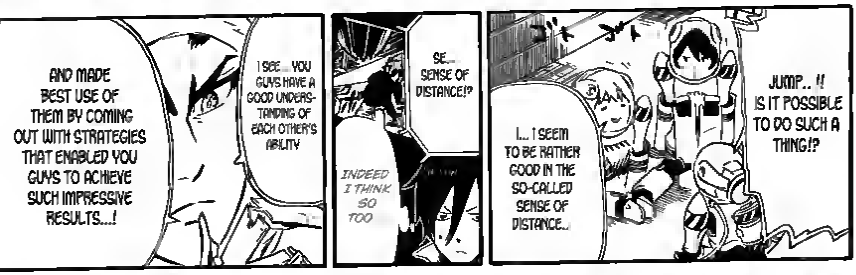
MAHO JUMPED UP WITH A "PYON" AND ACQUIRED THOSE POINTS JUST LIKE THAT

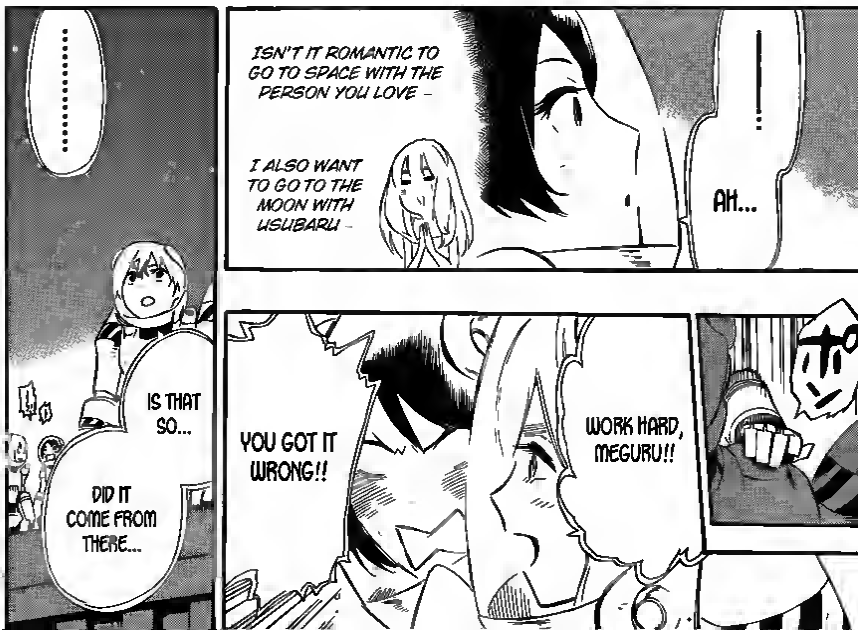
Side note: "Pyon" is a sound for jumping / bouncing.


JUMP.. !! IS IT POSSIBLE TO DO SUCH A THING!?
I... I SEEM TO BE RATHER GOOD IN THE SO-CALLED SENSE OF DISTANCE..
SE... SENSE OF DISTANCE!?
INDEED I THINK SO TOO
I SEE... YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ABILITY
AND MADE BEST USE OF THEM BY COMING OUT WITH STRATEGIES THAT ENABLED YOU GUYS TO ACHIEVE SUCH IMPRESSIVE RESULTS...!

WHAT A WONDERFUL TEAM!!
IT'S... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
IT'S TRUE FOR BOTH OF THEM .. I'M JUST A GIRL THAT GREW UP WITH MAHO.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M ACTUALLY ON THE MOON ——
AT ALL...
.....

?
MEGURU?
LO...
LOOK...!!
!!

MEGURU
IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL RIGHT!
YE...YEAH. IT'S UNBELIEVABLY BEAUTIFUL...
WH... WHAT IS THIS!
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM OUR EARTH!
THAT'S RIGHT—
IT'S REALLY AMAZING EVEN THOUGH I'M SEEING IT THROUGH THE MONITOR.
IT'S BECAUSE THE MOON'S SURFACE IS ALMOST A VACUUM.
There is no dust to disrupt it at all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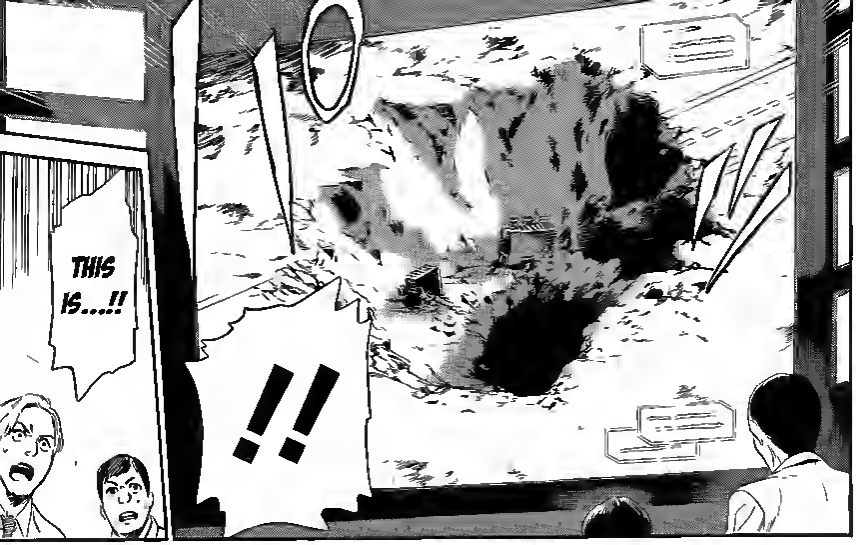
IS THAT SO...
DID IT COME FROM THERE...
ISN'T IT ROMANTIC TO GO TO SPACE WITH THE PERSON YOU LOVE —
I ALSO WANT TO GO TO THE MOON WITH USUBARU —
AH...
YOU GOT IT WRONG!!
WORK HARD, MEGURU!!

FROM THERE...
YOU MIGHT FALL DOWN IF YOU STAND THAT CLOSE TO THE EDGE!
UH~~~
SHIRAFUNE MAHO...
MY PARENTS ARE NOT LIKE THAT, NOR IS THERE ANYONE LIKE HIM AMONGST THE ASTRONAUTS AROUND ME
MILES
WHAT'S WRONG CECIL?
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS GUY
DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'S SHAKING REALLY BADLY?
AHH... THAT'S TRUE.
THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF UNDER-GROUND LAVA TUBES IN THIS PLACE
THE ROUND TRIPS THAT WE MADE USING THE ROVER MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE GROUND TO LOOSEN A LITTLE
MAYBE... LET'S INFORM THEM ABOUT THIS WHEN WE GET BACK ~~~

OFF LINE
!?
EH... WHAT HAP- OFFLINE!? PENED!?
IT... IT BECAME REALLY DARK ALL OF A SUDDEN!
A... AMACHI- KUN!?
THIS IS...!
!?
30
10
5
15

EH!?
WE LOST THE SIGNAL OF THE ROVER...!!
I SAW THE ROVER DESCENDING DOWN THE SLOPE!!
THE PROTECTED IMAGE GOT CUT OFF SUDDENLY...
IT'S OFFLINE NOW
WAIT A MINUTE WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....
WE RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY ALERT FROM THE HEADQUARTERS IN FLORIDA!!
IT'S AN ACCIDENT!!
IT SEEMS LIKE TWO ROVERS GOT INVOLVED IN THE COLLAPSE OF THE MOON'S SURFACE!!
WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MILES AND CECIL!?
WE HAVE LINKED-UP WITH THE SATTELITE!! WE'RE PROJECTING IT TO THE MONITOR NOW!!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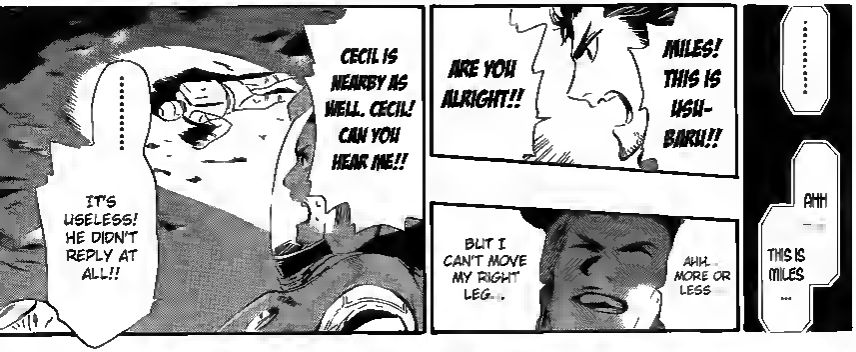
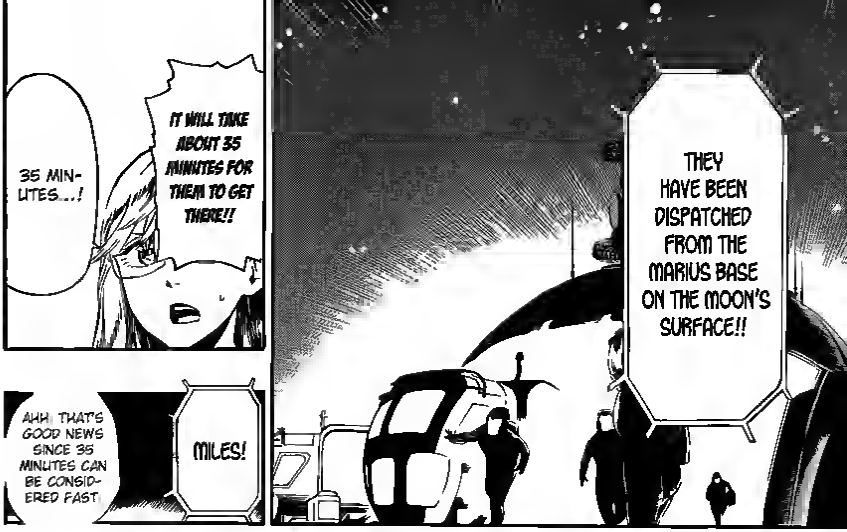
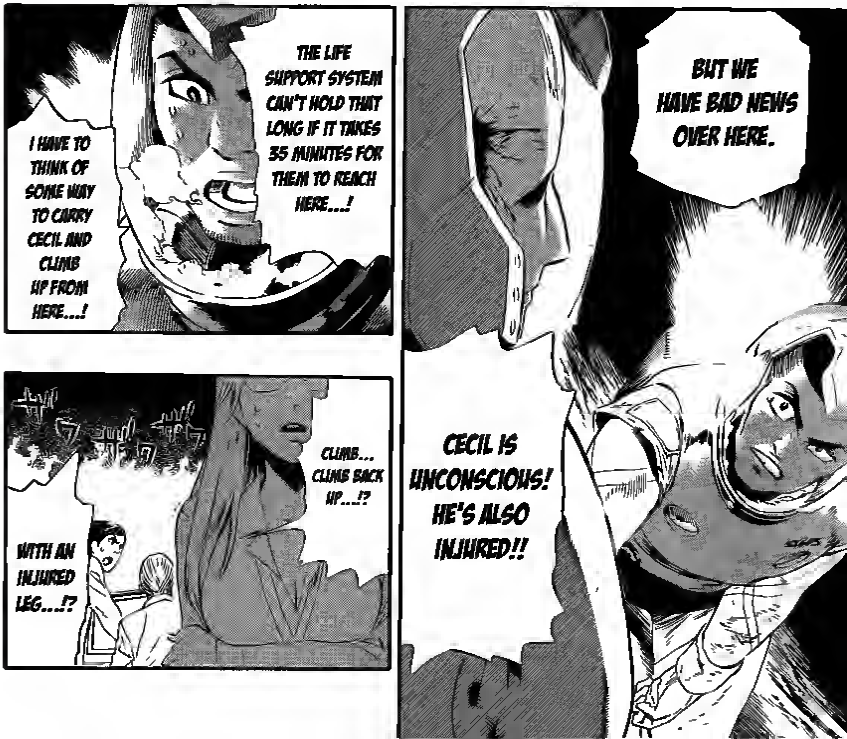

CECIL IS NEARBY AS WELL. CECIL! CAN YOU HEAR ME!!
IT'S USELESS! HE DIDN'T REPLY AT ALL!!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!!
MILES! THIS IS USU-BARU!!
BUT I CAN'T MOVE MY RIGHT LEG...
AHH... MORE OR LESS
.....
AHH...
THIS IS MILES...

SEND OUT THE RESCUE TEAM!!
IS THAT SO... WELL, ASKING ABOUT IT WON'T HELP ANYWAY... I'M GOING TO WHERE CECIL IS FOR NOW!!
WE'RE STILL UNSURE ABOUT THAT. PERHAPS...
IT'S REALLY DARK... IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE FALLEN REALLY DEEP DOWN. AS I'VE THOUGHT, WE'RE IN THE LAVA TUBE RIGHT?


THEY HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED FROM THE MARIUS BASE ON THE MOON'S SURFACE!!
IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 35 MINUTES FOR THEM TO GET THERE!!
35 MINUTES...!
MILES!
AHH. THAT'S GOOD NEWS SINCE 35 MINUTES CAN BE CONSIDERED FAST.


BUT WE HAVE BAD NEWS OVER HERE.
CECIL IS UNCONSCIOUS! HE'S ALSO INJURED!!
THE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM CAN'T HOLD THAT LONG IF IT TAKES 35 MINUTES FOR THEM TO REACH HERE...!
I HAVE TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO CARRY CECIL AND CLIMB UP FROM HERE...!
CLIMB... CLIMB BACK UP...!?
WITH AN INJURED LEG...!?

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!
HOW IS IT GOING TO HELP WHEN ALL OF US ARE PANICKING RIGHT NOW!!
WE HAVE TO SAVE THE TWO OF THEM BY ANY MEANS! DO YOU GET THAT!!
YE... YES!!
ALRIGHT... GO AND CHECK IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO CAN STILL MOVE RIGHT NOW!!
MOVE... DIDN'T YOU ASK THEM ABOUT THAT EARLIER?
MILE'S RIGHT LEG... AND CECIL IS..
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THEM!
ALTHOUGH THE CHANCE IS LOW
THERE ARE STILL 68 OF THEM IN THERE!
ROBOTS...
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN STILL MOVE YOUR ROBOTS!!
SOMEONE
.....

!!
SHIRAFUNE MAHO... FUKAMI. F. ARASHI...!!
THE... THE BOTH OF YOU CAN STILL MOVE!?
YES!
YES.
I SAW THE ROVER IN FRONT OF ME FALLING...
I WAS BARELY ABLE TO PREPARE FOR THE IMPACT IN TIME—
MAHO, WHY...
AH... I THINK I WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE AND WAS FLUNG OUT INSTEAD—

FI... FIRST OF ALL, TRY TO GET TO WHERE THE TWO OF THEM ARE...!!
YES! WE'RE ALREADY ON OUR WAY THERE!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT...!
AH... AHH, IT'S JUST WHAT YOU'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW.
WE HAVE TO GO UP WITHIN 35 MINUTES USING WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE.
PLEASE HELP TO SEARCH FOR A PLACE WHERE I CAN CLIMB UP!!
UN... UNDERSTOOD... FUKAMI-KUN!
ALRIGHT.
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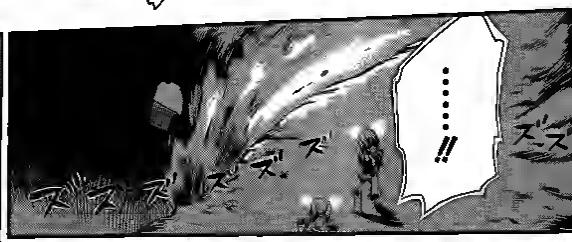
THE GROUND SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME REALLY LOOSE...!
IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE TO CLIMB UP UNDER SUCH A CIRCUM-STANCE ..!?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SHIRAFUNE... ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT...
ALL THOSE FALLING OBJECTS AND THE COLLAPSING GROUND HAPPENED 3 SECONDS AGO ..!
YEAH!!
IS EVERY-THING ALRIGHT!!

THE BOTH OF YOU! LISTEN UP!
YOU GUYS HAVE ANOTHER 32 MINUTES BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE RESCUE TEAM ——!
HOWEVER, THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS WON'T ALLOW THEM TO HOLD ON UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE RESCUE TEAM!
AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S ALSO THE IMMINENT DANGER OF THE GROUND COLLAPSING.
THERE IS ALSO NO TIME FOR US TO RESET THE SETTINGS OF R1!
!!
WE CAN ONLY DEPEND ON THE BOTH OF YOU NOW!!
WITH HOPES PLACED ON THE BOTH OF THEM!!
I WILL CONVEY THE STRATEGIES RIGHT NOW!!
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STEP 6/ END

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THE GIRL WHO IS ENCHANTED BY SPACE. EXISTING IN THAT PLACE ARE PROFOUND INTELLECT AND ARDOUR.

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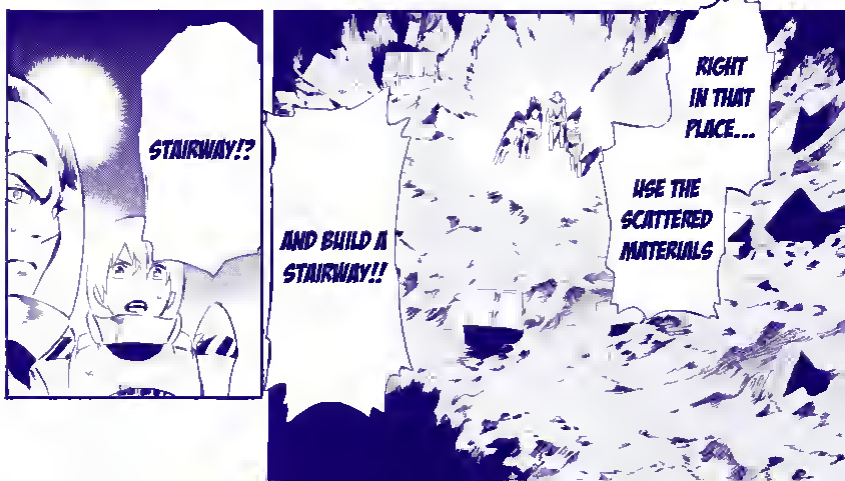
STARS
-スターズ-

STEP 7 THE RESCUE 380,000KM AWAY

STORY: TAKEUCHI RYOUSUKE
ART: MIYOKAWA MASARU

THE RESCUE TEAM WILL BE THERE 32 MINUTES LATER —— HOWEVER, THE TWO OF THEM CAN'T DRAG THEMSELVES OUT FROM THERE WITH THEIR CURRENT CONDITIONS!
I WILL CONVEY THE STRATEGIES RIGHT NOW!!
I WILL ONLY SAY IT ONCE! SO LISTEN CAREFULLY!!
AND THERE IS ALSO NO TIME FOR US TO REACTIVATE K1!!
COLLAPSE OF THE MOON'S SURFACE...! ON THE MISSION TO RESCUE THE LIVES OF THE TWO ASTRONAUTS!!
WE HAVE TO CARRY THE TWO OF THEM OUT FROM THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

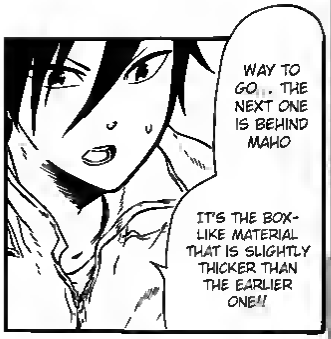

STAIRWAY!?
AND BUILD A STAIRWAY!!
RIGHT IN THAT PLACE...
USE THE SCATTERED MATERIALS

IT'S TRUE!!
WE MIGHT REALLY BE ABLE TO BUILD THAT IN THIS PLACE!!
THROUGH THE SATELLITE, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE A PLACE WITH RELATIVELY FLAT SURFACE ON YOUR RIGHT HAND SIDE! DID YOU GET THAT!?
YE... YES!!
WE WILL VERIFY THAT NOW.
USE THE MATERIALS TO BUILD A STAIRWAY...! THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE IT IF THEY DO THAT!
IN THAT CASE, WE'LL SEND OVER THE LIST OF REQUIRED BUILDING MATERIALS IMMEDIATELY!
ALL... ALL RIGHT!
YURIA-SAN, LET'S WORK HAND IN HAND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEM!!
ALRIGHT... IS EVERYONE PREPARED!?
OKAY.
AMACHI, YOU WILL GIVE DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TWO OF THEM!
I WILL SEND THE LIST TO THEIR GOGGLES AFTER I SORT IT OUT!
THE PEOPLE ON EARTH AND ON THE MOON

THAT... VOICE
USUBARU-SAN...!?
THIS MISSION WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF EVERYONE DOES NOT DO THEIR VERY BEST!!
WE MUST SAVE THE TWO OF THEM BY ANY MEANS!!
YES!!
.....!!

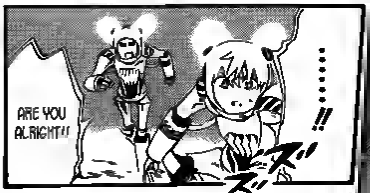
ALL RIGHT... SHIRAFUNE, FUKAMI
THE VERY FIRST THING TO MOVE IS THE CHOCOLATE-SHAPED MATERIAL ON YOUR RIGHT HAND SIDE!!
CHOCOLATE...
OVER THERE!!
WE WILL START BUILDING A STAIRWAY IN THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY!
AHHH.. SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE WE'RE DEPENDING ON YOU..!!

LET'S GET GOING!!
YEAH!!
ISN'T IT BETTER IF WE USE THIS TO BUILD THE FIFTH LAYER?
NO! IT'S TOO HARD TO MOVE SOMETHING THAT'S SO HEAVY!
WHAT ABOUT THIS THAT IS FURTHER AWAY?
.....
KYAA
!!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU...
ANXIETY IS WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE AGAIN...
AS A LEADER, YOU MUST ALWAYS MAINTAIN YOUR POISE!
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED EARLIER.
HAVE FAITH IN YOUR COMRADES!
.....
I WILL!
LOWER IT JUST LIKE THIS...!


WAY TO GO... THE NEXT ONE IS BEHIND MAHO
IT'S THE BOX-LIKE MATERIAL THAT IS SLIGHTLY THICKER THAN THE EARLIER ONE!!

WE HAVE COMPLETED
THE FIRST LAYER!!

LET ME SEE.
THAT'S THE ONE!


ARE YOU ALRIGHT!!
.....!!!

THAT WAS CLOSE...
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE IF I WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE USE OF IT.
BE MORE CAREFUL! THE GROUND IS GETTING LOOSER AND LOOSER!

!!

GO... GOT IT!
HAA... IT'S GOOD THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN USED TO THE BODY THAT WAS USED FOR THE TEST...
THE SAME BODY
.....YURIA, MARIKA
THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE THE BOTH OF YOU TO VERIFY...
?
IT'S UP!!
WE'VE STACKED THE SEVENTH LAYER UP!!
ALRIGHT...! NEXT WILL BE ——
THERE'S STILL A LITTLE MORE TO GO!!
DO YOUR BEST!!
EXCELLENT! IT'S GOING WELL!!

!?
THE WEIGHT OF THE STAIRWAY...
IS CAUSING THE GROUND TO SLIP IN ———!!
FUKAMI-KUN!!
OOOOO!!
IT'S COLLAPS-ING!!

ARE...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT...!!
MAHO, JUST GO!!
GOT IT!!
GO ON!!
.....!
HAHA... USUBARU THOSE GUYS ARE REALLY SOMETHING, AREN'T THEY ?
MILES!
JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME!!
YOU CAN CONTROL R1 BETTER THAN ME...! JUST A FEW MORE STEPS AND THE STAIRWAY WILL BE COMPLETED!!

USUBARU, THESE "CHILDREN" ARE YOUR STUDENTS, RIGHT?
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD OPERATE R1 IN THAT MANNER...!!
EH...
THAT'S THE CASE RIGHT? THEY'RE PRETTY WELL-TRAINED.
AREN'T THEY RELIABLE!
THESE "CHILDREN" MIGHT EVEN BE THE ONES WHO WILL GO TO MARS...
HAHA...
MILES! ENDURE A LITTLE LONGER! YOU CAN DO IT!!
OH
IT'S COM-PLETED !!

Good job!!
WAY TO GO!!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO MOVE THE TWO OF THEM UP——
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

HE MIGHT HAVE USED UP MOST OF THE BATTERY IN THE TEST EARLIER ON!
THE REMODELLING PARTS AND EXTERNAL DEVICES ARE DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY HAVE TO GET POWER SUPPLIES FROM IT...!
!!
NO... NO WAY!
IF HE STOPS RIGHT NOW, THE STAIRWAY WILL...!!
.....!!
A... AMACHI -KUN!?
SHIRA-FUNE!!
LOOK FOR HOSHIHARA-SAN RIGHT NOW!!
THAT'S NOT A PROB-LEM!!

LOOK... LOOK FOR MEGURU!?
OUR BATTERIES CAN STILL BE USED SINCE WE DIDN'T DO ANY REMODELLING FOR THE TEST!!
I HAVE VERIFIED THAT EARLIER!!
UH... MY R1 IS PROBABLY DAMAGED SINCE MY GOGGLES ARE SHOWING THE OFFLINE STATUS.
HOWEVER, MEGURU'S R1 MIGHT STILL BE USABLE SINCE HER GOGGLES ARE NOT OFFLINE. IT'S ONLY IN PITCH-DARKNESS!!
HOSHIHARA-SAN'S R1 IS STILL ALIVE!!
!!
BU... BUT HOW SHOULD HE SEARCH FOR HER!?
R1 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PICK UP ANY RADIO WAVES ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY'RE BURIED UNDERGROUND.
HE CAN FIND HER!
IF IT'S MAHO!!
HE CAN DEFI-NITELY DO IT!!

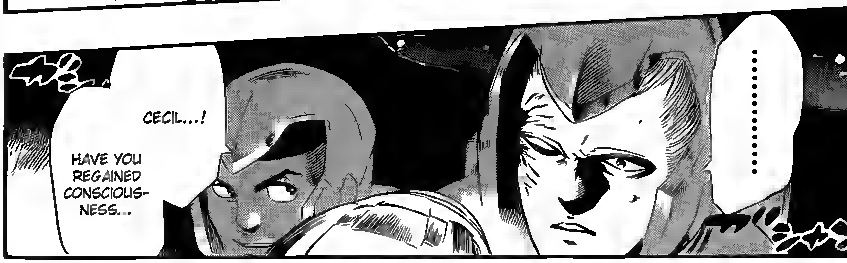
UH
SUCH A THING...
HE... HE CAN DO IT!!
THIS IS ONE OF MAHO'S FORTES. PLEASE HAVE FAITH IN HIM!
MEGURU WAS SITTING BESIDE ME AT THAT TIME---
AND THE ROVER WAS LEANING TO THE RIGHT ---

I WILL DEFINITELY FIND HER !!
BE-EP
SHIRA-FUNE...!!
BE-EP
IT SHOULD BE...
HERE !!
DIG
DIG
DIG
HURRY UP!!
!!
FOUND IT...!!
DIG
DIG

MA... MAHO! HURRY UP, HURRY UP!!
MAHO, THE BATTERY IS ON HER BACK!!
!!
I... I KNOW THAT! NOW, DON'T MOVE!!
UN... UNBE-LIEV-ABLE!!
BE EP
ズッ
THE... THE POWER OUTPUT IS...
ALREADY ...!!
キューン

!!
JUST IN TIME...!!
BRING THE TWO OF THEM UP!!
FUKAMI!
THAT'S... THAT'S GREAT!!
THE POWER IS RESUPPLIED!! WE CAN GO ON WITH THIS!
THANK YOU.
"VERIFICATION IS THE MOST BASIC TASK"- IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU CONSTANTLY REPEATING THESE WORDS
AND NOW, MAHO...!
.....
I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING THAT.

UH..


CECIL...!
HAVE YOU REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS...
.....

BECAUSE WE HAVE REALLY DEPENDABLE COMRADES WITH US RIGHT NOW!

MI MILES..?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?
HAHA... I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT

I..WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ROVER.
AHH THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE

WE DID IT——!!
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT NOW!
!
BOTH OF YOU HAVE ENDURED WELL, MILES! CECIL!
THEY'RE SAFE! THE BOTH OF THEM ARE SAFE!!
THE TWO OF THEM ARE FINE!
ALRIGHT, LET'S MOVE THEM TO THE ROVER!
RESCUE ON THE MOON'S SURFACE SUCCESS!!
STARS-スターズ-
... STEP 7 /END

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